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Marine sports operators to hold rally

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Marine sports operators that are suing the Department of Public Lands for barring them access to Managaha Island to pick up customers will be holding a rally on Thursday afternoon to raise public awareness about the issue.

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CUC emergency declaration renewed

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Inos

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos renewed yesterday for another 30 days the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s emergency declaration, citing the utilities company's continued cash flow problems, the dearth of U.S. workers with technical training, the existing renewable energy crisis, and lack of a CUC board of directors.

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BEACH CLEANUP CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Visiting students from Sanyo Joshi High School Special College Prep Course in Japan gather for a group photo during a recent beach cleanup at the back of Pacific Islands Club. The foreign students were on a four-day stay on island where they also experienced the local culture.

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NMC continues to lose full time faculty members

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The Northern Marianas College continues to lose full-time faculty members, a critical void that its president wants to address in time for the opening of classes for the new fall semester next month.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that another full-time faculty staff resigned on Friday due to the ongoing uncertainties in the government's pension program.

She said the college has been conducting searches among its existing staff to tap qualified people who can immediately fill critical vacancies.

Hart could not immediately say how many full-time faculty the college currently has but described the figure as "far behind" the number of full-time instructors in other community colleges with the same size as NMC.

During the term of former Faculty Senate president Dr. John Griffin last year, NMC had 28 full-time instructors and 29 adjunct or part-time faculty members. These numbers have since gone down due to retirements, resignations, and other factors.

Hart said Friday that among the factors behind many faculty members' resignations is concern about their wages and salaries. "I am losing faculty right and left because people are leaving us because we can't provide comparable salaries…and these issues must be addressed," said Hart.

» 'Internal hiring for immediate full-time instructors prioritized'

NMC adopted a policy on promotions in 1989 but this has never been implemented.

Hart acknowledged the need to adjust the wages of college personnel but its tight budget prevents NMC from doing so.

When asked about the possibility of enforcing the long-delayed salary adjustment for personnel, Hart said: "Unless our budget goes up, we can't. Now, we're just limping along."

A budget bill prefiled at the House of Representatives last week proposed just $5.7 million for the college in fiscal year 2013.

Hart told *Saipan Tribune* that NMC's budget has been decreasing in the last five years. The budget for the college, she said, has been slashed by almost half from where it was five years ago while the number of its enrollees has since doubled.

Balancing the college operation with limited funding while at the same time adhering to accreditation standards is "really a major challenge for NMC," according to the official.

The number of faculty is vital to accreditation standards, which usually require a mix of full-time and adjunct faculty members.

HR director/legal counsel

Hart disclosed that the college's human resource manager, Bobbie Hunter, has resigned from her position to become a full-time faculty member.

The college has already posed an announcement for the job—this time with the combined task of also being the college's legal counsel.

Hart described the new approach as a "creative way" that will be cost-effective for the college. However, hiring a new HR/legal counsel doesn't mean that the college will no longer seek outside professionals, she added.

"But really, our goal is to prioritize where we can spend and try to create a balance," she said.

Besides full-time faculty members, announcements are ongoing for adjunct instructors and other replacement positions in other areas. These announcements can be found at the college's website, http://www.nmcnet.edu/.

UTILITIES MATTERS HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Public Utilities and Infrastructure Committee ask questions of Commonwealth Utilities Corp. officials during a meeting on CUC matters last week in the House of Representatives chamber.

Ex-convict allegedly rapes former girlfriend

Police arrested Friday in Kagman an ex-convict who allegedly raped his former girlfriend in an abandoned house near her residence.

Joshua Indalecio Martin, 23, was taken to the Superior Court yesterday on charges of rape, kidnapping, burglary, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Associate Judge Perry B. Inos raised Martin's initial bail of $35,000 cash to $50,000 cash.

Preliminary hearing is on July 23 at 9am.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that a police officer was dispatched on Friday at 3:13am to a residence in Afetnas after receiving a call about a rape incident.

When the officer arrived at the house, the 18-year-old victim was crying. The victim told police that her former boyfriend, Martin, raped her in an abandoned house just south of their house.

The officer escorted the victim to the Commonwealth Health Center for examination and treatment.

Pangelinan said that, according to the victim, she was asleep in her bedroom with her 1-year-old baby when her sister woke her up because Martin was in the house. The sister told the victim she had no idea how Martin was able to get inside the house.

The victim and Martin met in the living room. He told her he wanted to talk to her, but she asked him to leave.

Martin allegedly choked the victim's neck and threatened to kill her if she doesn't follow him outside.

Martin allegedly kept pushing the victim until they reached the abandoned house where he allegedly raped her.

The victim said she was crying and begging, but Martin continued raping her.

The victim said that Martin was arrested in 2011 for forgery and theft and was released in April 2012. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

Rota: Japanese Era Remnants

The island of Rota hosts the 2012 Rota Cliff Fishing Derby on July 27-29, 2012.

This unspoiled island paradise also hosts a number of discoveries to be made for visitors, whether cultural, culinary, or historic. Rota's rich history includes a number of Japanese-era remains waiting to be explored. These remains include four sites on the National Register of Historic Places.

The 140 mm Japanese Coastal Defense Gun is sited in a reinforced concrete casemate located on the cliff line above the entrance to Rota's East Harbor as protection against a possible invasion by U.S. forces during World War II.

The L-shaped Japanese Hospital in Songsong is a one-story concrete structure, observed by archeologists to be excellently sited both for prevailing breeze and view.

Chudang Palii Japanese World War II Defense Complex, the Nanyo Kohatsu Kabushiki Kaisha Sugar Mill, and numerous caves are other sites just waiting to be discovered by the eager visitor.

For more information on this month's 2012 Rota Cliff Fishing Derby, contact Sandra Atalig of the MVA at 1.670.532.0327 or satalig@mymarianas.com or Martin Duenas at 1.670.664.3200 or mduenas@mymarianas.com.

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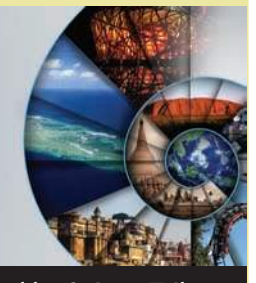

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PSS braces for enrollment surge this new school year

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The number of student enrollment on all public schools has been climbing in the past three years. From over more than 10,000 in school year 2009-2010, PSS closed the last school year with a total student enrollment of 11,104.

» Uncertainty in hiring more teachers due to threat of reduced budget

"[We] are receiving reports of lower enrollment in private schools and this is one factor why we are anticipating an increase in student numbers in this [2012-2013] school year," said Thornburgh. One of the oldest private schools on island, Calvary Christian Academy, recently shut down due to low enrollment numbers.

Thornburgh told *Saipan Tribune* that the possibility of a much-reduced budget for PSS this new fiscal year is another "situation" for the school district. The proposed spending plan for fiscal year 2013 that was filed last week in the House of Representatives recommends a $28 million budget for PSS. If the bill gets enacted, this will make it the lowest budget that PSS will receive in more than 20 years.

"If we will follow what's happening in the House, that they're decreasing [further] our budget, how can we get additional teachers and the workforce we need for our students?" Thornburgh asked.

The expected rise in enrollment numbers would require hiring more classroom teachers and other essential support staff at PSS.

The system maintains 19 elementary, junior, and high school campuses on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, on top of 10 Head Start facilities. It employs a little over 500 classroom teachers.

Thornburgh said the limited budget from the local government always prevents the system from getting enough number of teachers and support staff. PSS was allocated only $30 million this fiscal year. To balance its operation, PSS relocated its central offices to the Marianas High School campus; consolidated the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior and High Schools; froze many positions, including that of teachers; and other measures to conserve resources and survive.

Last school year, PSS suspended all hiring due to the tight budget situation. It was last school year when the one-time $32.3 million state fiscal stabilization fund ended for the Public School System. A significant portion of these federal monies were used by PSS to hire and retain teachers while the bulk went to school renovations and repairs.

Thornburgh admitted that among the challenges now is how to retain these teachers in the light of a reduced budget proposal for public schools.

US DOE exec to visit Saipan anew

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A ranking U.S. Department of Education official will visit the CNMI again next month to talk with Public School System and Board of Education officials on wide-ranging issues that include the possibility of securing new financial commitments and increased federal support for the local education department.

Christine Jackson, the senior risk management consultant of U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, will spearhead a five-man delegation to the Marianas with the CNMI as her last stop. She will visit Guam first before making a two-day visit to Saipan. This will make it her third visit to the CNMI since 2010.

"This is part of the [U.S. DOE's] monitoring to see how we are doing and it is a chance for both PSS/BOE and the U.S. Education Department to exchange information on many areas and possibly for her to find out first hand of our progress since her last visit," PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh told *Saipan Tribune* Friday.

Jackson's visit is also seen as a chance to reinforce and validate the school system's need for sustained support for all its programs that are aimed at further improving the academic performance of public school students. PSS receives between $25 million and $27 million in federal grants, and it's the federal government through the U.S. DOE that mandates that they be explicitly used for programs that promote student learning.

Jackson will also tour public schools, nearly a year after they underwent massive repairs, renovations, and rehabilitation using the multimillion-dollar American Recovery and Reinvestment Act/State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.

Jackson will also tour the new PSS central office in Susupe. Late last year, as part of a massive cost-cutting effort, PSS decided to renovate the Susupe facility and part of funding used were U.S. DOE grants for the school district's pioneering systemwide utilization/implementation of energy conservation program.

"This time, it is certain that the Commissioner of Education [Dr. Rita A. Sablan] and the Board of Education will show our new central office and how we led with our energy conservation program, from our new facility down to our schools," Thornburgh said.

It was not until three years ago when ranking U.S. DOE officials started visiting the CNMI at the invitation of Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan.

During her September 2010 visit to Guam, Jackson met with Sablan who invited her to visit Saipan. Jackson hailed PSS as "model district" for all of the insular areas after that visit.

A year after, in July 2011, Jackson, accompanied by another ranking official, Mark Robinson, became the highest federal education official to visit Rota. During their daylong visit, Jackson and Robinson "reviewed, talked and met with public education stakeholders."

After their visit, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Secondary Education Carl Harris echoed the same observation during his visit to Saipan and Tinian about PSS being a model district.

Joint Region Marianas CIO to speak at AFCEA meeting

TAMUNING, Guam—The July General Membership Luncheon meeting for the AFCEA Marianas Chapter will be held next Wednesday, July 18, at The View in the Guam Marriott Resort and Spa in Tumon with networking at 11:30 a.m. and lunch service soon afterwards.

Rick Markle, chief information officer for Joint Region Marianas, will be the Chapter's guest speaker who will be giving some tips and advice on pursuing Navy contracts. He is also the treasurer of the local AFCEA chapter.

The luncheon is open to everyone, and a full buffet will be served: Members, $21; non-members, $23. More details on the AFCEA Marianas Chapter and luncheon registration can be found at http://www.afcea-marianas.org/ or contact information@afcea-marianas.org.

The Marianas Chapter is just one of more than 120 AFCEA chapters around the world, re-established in 2007; the chapter host over 100 engineers, programmers, managers, industry leaders, government officials and military personnel as members. ***(PR)***

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CUC legal services transition to OAG

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Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham and assistant attorney general Tiberius D. Mocanu are now replacing attorney Deborah E. Fisher as counsel for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in stipulated orders entered by CUC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Buckingham, Mocanu, Fisher, and acting CUC executive director Alan W. Fletcher signed the notice, which was filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

They said that pursuant to Executive Order 2012-07, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has assumed all executive powers of CUC, including that of the board of directors and executive director.

They said Fitial has notified CUC of his decision to transition CUC's legal services to the Office of the Attorney General.

Accordingly, they said, CUC designates Buckingham and Mocanu as the attorney for CUC.

In June 2012, Fitial extended his declaration of a state of emergency for CUC.

Fitial cited as reasons for the emergency extension CUC's continuing cash shortage, which threatens to halt power, water, and wastewater services because of the lack of funds to buy diesel and lube oil for its operation, among others.

The CUC-EPA stipulated orders are intended to reform CUC's wastewater systems, drinking water systems, power plants and pipeline operations—and importantly, CUC's organizational structure—in order to move CUC to become a viable functioning utility.

One goal of the stipulated orders is to establish CUC as a self-sustaining utility through generating revenue as a result of its power, drinking water, and wastewater operations.

SPC to host renewable energy forum for Pacific

The development of an enabling environment for private sector participation in the promotion of energy security in the Pacific region is an important step toward the realization of the goal of the Pacific Plan, which is to enhance and stimulate economic growth, sustainable development good governance and security for Pacific countries through regionalism. One of the key strategies in the Sustainable Development pillar of the Pacific Plan is the implementation of the Framework for Action on Energy Security in the Pacific.

PNG, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu are among the most disadvantaged Pacific Countries , as electricity is only accessible to about 20 percent of the population. With 2012 as the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All, the energy security challenges of these countries must be addressed to ensure their people a trouble-free life, defeating hardship and poverty.

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community , with the support of the ACP Business Climate Facility, or BizClim, is organizing a two-day Forum on Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Trade & Investment, scheduled to take place in Nadi, Fiji on Aug. 8, 2012, at the Westin Denarau Hotel.

The main focus of this high-level event is on the establishment of a policy framework aiming at fostering the participation of the private sector in the promotion of energy security in three Pacific countries, namely PNG, Solomons, and Vanuatu. The Forum is expected to lead to a full understanding of the energy sector in the three countries and the determinants and dynamics of energy supply and demand. The existing policy and regulatory frameworks as well as the promotion of investments in the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency sector will also be examined in order to address the constraints to access modern and green energy as an engine for growth.

The Forum will bring together 100 high-level regional and international delegates from national governments, donors, NGOs, private sector and experts to provide visible leadership and political commitment to a common strategy to design a successfully policy framework which will be applied in each one of the three target countries and will serve as an inspiring 'model' for other countries in the Pacific region and beyond.

Specifically, the Trade & Investment Forum will discuss existing national energy policies, notably how these engage the private sector. Such discussion will be based on energy balances to be developed for each country, as well as an assessment of the renewable energy (RE) and energy efficiency (EE) potential. Participants will make recommendations on policy and regulatory options (both national and regional) that are conducive to enhancing the enabling environment for private sector investments in the RE and EE sectors.

SPC is an international organization that works in public health, geoscience, agriculture, forestry, water resources, disaster management, fisheries, education (community, TVET, quality and standards for all school levels), statistics, transport, energy, ICT, media, human rights, gender, youth and culture to help Pacific Island people achieve sustainable development. (http://www.spc.int)

The ACP Business Climate facility (BizClim) is a program of the ACP Secretariat financed by the European Union under the 10th European Development Fund. It aims at fostering a business-enabling environment in ACP countries and regions by improving legislation, institutional frameworks and financial measures relating to the enabling environment of the private sector.

For further information about this forum, contact Lepropre at Michel.lepropre@gmail.com; Solomone Fifita at SolomoneF@spc.int ; or visit the website www.reeetif.com. ***(SPC)***

SCENIC DRIVE HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Flame trees in full bloom line the roads leading to and from the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport, giving a delightful first and last impression to visitors to the CNMI this time of the year.

CUC

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The state of emergency effectively suspends regulations and allows the government to reprogram funds to address cash, procurement, and hiring crises at CUC.

The cash crisis, Inos pointed out in his executive order, is primarily caused by the $12 million in arrears owed CUC by the Public School System, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and residential consumers.

That is on top of the $2.6 million in accounts payable that CUC owes vendors.

The declaration also noted that due to this cash flow problem, CUC usually has only days' worth of fuel to power its grid "because it lacks the funds to buy oil from its sole, cash-only supplier."

He also noted the financial woes of CUC is brought about by the "severe economically distressed time." The past fiscal year alone saw the CNMI budget fall from $120 million to some $100 million.

"This has put a severe strain on the government to meet its obligation," said Inos.

He also reiterated Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's call in last month's CUC emergency declaration that "a unified approach is necessary to reconcile and resolve the fiscal crisis of the government with the fiscal crisis of CUC."

The acting governor also said CUC needs employees with specialized training and "there are many no-U.S. citizens [that] CUC needs to retain on technical and professional contracts."

Without these positions filled, the utilities company's operations would be severely compromised, he said.

Inos added that these non-U.S. employees with specialized training come in handy as CUC bears a "substantial obligation to deliver highly technical work on time to the satisfaction of the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to two sets of stipulated orders."

Failure to meet the requirements of the federal court's orders could subject CUC and the CNMI to substantial fines and charges, and in the extreme, to federal takeover of their finances, he said.

With regard to the green energy issue, Inos said the utilities company went through requests for proposal for several energy projects, which would bring some relief to high utility rates. He said the emergency declaration would help complete these contracts as soon as possible "or the customers of CUC will continue to suffer from high oil prices."

On the lack of CUC board of directors, Inos said the Executive Branch has "diligently tried to find board volunteers who meet the complex statutory qualifications" but has been unable to do.

The CUC was first placed under emergency status on Aug. 1, 2008; that was lifted only on March 28, 2011.

The latest emergency declaration for CUC was announced last May 18 and was renewed a month later, making Inos' latest declaration the second for the embattled utilities firm.

Aside from the CUC, the Executive Branch also placed under a state of emergency the NMI Retirement Fund and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

This has led Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) to criticize the Fitial administration, saying that, instead of only those three agencies, the entire central government should be placed under emergency.

MARINE

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F. Matthew Smith told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that marine sports operators, their employees, and families are encouraging the public to join the rally at the Fishing Base and Street Market in Garapan on Thursday at 4:30pm.

"It's just a rally to support marine sports and to have [DPL] recognize that the rule should not be changed arbitrarily after more than 18 years," Smith said.

Smith's law firm is representing five marine sports operators in their lawsuit. The operators are Island Marine Sports Inc., Aquatic Marine Co. Inc. doing business as Amigo Aquatic Sports, Automarine Inc., Seahorse Inc., and BSEA Inc. They are suing DPL to invalidate the department's rule promulgated on Dec. 13, 2011, and June 14, 2012.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has placed the matter under advisement after a two-day hearing on July 3 and 4 on the operators' request for a temporary restraining order against DPL.

Smith said yesterday that the marine sports operators just want the community to know that they have been severely affected by DPL's arbitrary rule.

"It affects everyone. It affects the tourists. It affects the economy in the CNMI," Smith said, adding that the rally is an opportunity for people to come out and show their support for marine sports.

Mark Scoggins, co-counsel of Smith, said the marine sports operators want the public to understand that this issue means the possible loss of many good jobs and valuable businesses in the CNMI.

"This issue also involves the overall health and vitality of the CNMI's tourist industry," Scoggins added.

He disclosed that the marine sports operators filed yesterday a motion for summary judgment on the grounds that there exists no genuine issues of material fact, and that the operators are entitled to such a judgment as a matter of law.

He said they requested the court that the issue be heard on a shortened schedule due to the ongoing irreparable harm being suffered by the companies.

"Justice is supposed to be for the big and the small, and blind to the influence of political power and money," Scoggins said in the motion.

The lawyer said that DPL, under pressure from its powerful concessionaire, changed the rules on the use of Managaha as those rules were interpreted for more than 18 years.

"This change in the rules is an effective death sentence for all five of the petitioning companies and probably others," Scoggins said.

Attorney Rexford Kosack, counsel for Tasi Tours, argued in court during the hearing that DPL simply told the marine sports operators to stop their activities on Managaha because there is a concession agreement between Tasi Tours and DPL for exclusive rights to all commercial concessions on the island.

Tasi Tours was allowed by the court to intervene in the marine sports operators' lawsuit.

‘It doesn’t matter where divert airfield is as long as it’s in NMI’

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Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (R-Saipan) has no particular preference where the U.S. Air Force should build its divert or alternative airfield long as it’s in the CNMI.

In an interview with the *Saipan Tribune*, the longtime lawmaker said the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, of which he is chairman, has no official position on the divert airfield issue.

However, for him it doesn’t matter which place the U.S. Air Force ultimately decides to locate the divert airfield as long as its in the Commonwealth.

“The CNMI has a binding commitment to our Armed Forces agency through our negotiated Covenant agreement, agreed in part and in lieu of us becoming U.S. citizens. This is not about Tinian, this is a Commonwealth thing and the CNMI is part of the U.S. family. Personally, I don’t think Tinian and I don’t think Rota. It’s about the Commonwealth. Whether it’s going to be on Rota, Saipan, or Tinian that’s OK with me,” said Tebuteb.

Tebuteb

Saipan is the “preferred Alternative 1” for a divert or contingency airfield for the U.S. Air Force in the event that access to Guam’s Andersen Air Force Base is limited or denied.

The 110-page “Draft Environmental Impact Assessment for Proposed Divert Activities and Exercises, Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands” lists Tinian as “preferred Alternative 2.”

Tinian leaders recently urged Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to endorse the island as the prime preferred site for an alternative airfield for the U.S. Air Force. They argued that the U.S. Department of Defense already leases a third of the island as well as having military facility there will uplift the local economy.

The U.S. Air Force originally considered four locations—Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. However, an evaluation of the four possible site alternatives identified Saipan and Tinian as meeting or have the ability to meet most of the five selection standards.

Rota and Guam were dropped because they do not meet the selection standard for “storm radius.”

Saipan has access to fuel vessels, unlike Tinian. Both Saipan and Tinian have limited capability to meet the selection standard of “adequate land and existing infrastructure with expansion potential to satisfy proposed action requirements.”

15 positions opened at utilities corporation

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The cash-strapped Commonwealth Utilities Corp. opened yesterday 15 positions—all classified as trade technicians—who will mostly be stationed at the Power Plant 4, which is currently on standby.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that these positions will not be funded by a grant award from federal agencies but will solely be sourced from CUC’s own revenue.

The 15 newly opened positions include six mechanics; two electricians; four operators; one machinist; and two welders. Based on the job announcement released yesterday, recruits will be stationed at Power Plant 4 in Puerto Rico and possibly at other CUC power facilities on the three islands. Salaries will range from $17,282 to $25,059 per annum. The announcement will close at end of this month.

Last July 1, CUC bought out Pacific Marine Industrial Corp.’s contract to run Power Plant 4 to the tune of $7.2 million. Under the agreement, CUC will pay PMIC $331,000 a month for 27 months.

In an earlier interview with PMIC director Marcin Ostrowski, he disclosed that part of the buyout agreement is the smooth transition of 26 Power Plant 4 employees to CUC.

Saipan Tribune learned that 12 of these employees were directly hired by PMIC while 14 others are employed by its local partner. These affected personnel were made to apply for positions with CUC.

Warren said the vacant posts are not new but replacements for CUC. “All of the advertised positions are not grant funded. They are not new positions but to fill existing vacancies.”

Last week, an audit on was sought by

Some senators are seeking an audit on CUC’s buyout deal—a move that Warren said CUC welcomes.

“Everything we do at CUC is an open book. We’re happy to provide the information requested by the Senate,” he added.

Warren earlier disclosed that the buyout deal will save CUC over $5 million until 2016—the supposed termination of the original PMIC contract. He said once installment payments are made in less than three years, this may result in lower rates for CUC customers as CUC will have additional revenue for its operation.

Power Plant 4 is intended to be shut down and will serve only as an emergency backup.

NEW JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja, third from left, and acting governor Eloy Inos, fourth from left, have their picture taken with newly sworn in juvenile probation officers Leonardo Ordonez, Missy Aldan, Alice Romolor, Sharmalynn Iginoif, Jaclyn T. Mendiola, and Quaid Ngirchongor. Ordonez worked for the Division of Youth Services back in 1996 under the Family Crisis Unit, was with the Department of Corrections for five years and has been with the DYS-Juvenile Probation Unit from 2010 up to the present. Aldan worked for the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs for 27 years, 10 years under the DYS Child Protection Unit, and Juvenile Probation Unit for six years. Iginoif worked at the Juvenile Detention Unit as a Juvenile Corrections Worker for five years then moved to the Juvenile Probation Unit in 2010. Mendiola interned and worked at the Oregon Multnomah County Department of Community Justice - Juvenile Services Division in 2006 and has worked for DYS since 2009. Ngirchongor graduated from Marianas High School and worked at the CNMI Superior Court as a court marshal before joining DYS this year. Romolor has been a social worker for DYS since 2007.

NMI lawyers impressed with Holder’s Guam presentation

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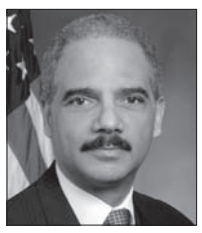
REPORTER

Some lawyers in the CNMI joined a public forum with U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. yesterday in Guam via videoconference in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Less than 20 lawyers and other federal employees patiently waited in the district courtroom for the forum that was delayed for over an hour.

Despite the delay, CNMI lawyers enjoyed Holder’s presentation that lasted over an hour. The forum was held in the courtroom of U.S. District Court for Guam chief judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood.


Holder

U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and NMI Alicia Limtiaco and CNMI Bar Association president Sean Frink presented all the prescreened questions to Holder, reportedly the first attorney general to visit the U.S. territory.

William Fitzgerald told *Saipan Tribune* after the forum that it was a great presentation as Holder is “really a warm guy.”

“I especially like his recollection when he was in Guam in the 1980’s. I know the case that he was working on at the time,” Fitzgerald said.

Holder recalled that in the 1980s he came as a lawyer to Guam at least thrice to work on four or five government corruption cases.

Holder said he worked with then U.S. Attorney Frederick Black in preparation of the cases.

“We were successful in the investigation and prosecution,” Holder said.

He said people in the Marianas region are known for their hospitality and generosity. “It was for me a great experience,” he added.

Russell Lorfing said the forum was an excellent opportunity for the legal community in the CNMI and Guam.

“And I thought that Judge Ramona Manglona and CNMI Bar Association president Sean Frink represented the CNMI in their interest very well. I’m excited to have this opportunity as a young attorney,” Lorfing said.

The lawyer said he finds it fascinating that Holder was on point about serving at the pleasure of the president. Lorfing said as the attorney general there has to have that partition.

“He has to be independent… regardless of what the president wants. He has to uphold the law. And I thought that’s fascinating. Even at that level, the AG recognizes the importance of that independent review separate from the executive,” Lorfing said.

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/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF: EDWARD RAMON IGLECIAS BLAS, JR. & DOMINGO MATAGOLAI BLAS II Minor Children By Edward Ramon Iglecias Blas And Agnes Manglona Blas Petitioners.	)	FCD-AD CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0341 NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 20, 2012 at 1:30pm in Courtroom 205A before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2012.

Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

/s/Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Xi Juan Song Norita Petitioner,	)	FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0330
vs.	)	
Edward M. Norita Respondent.	)	ORDER

UPON CONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION by the Petitioner for an Order of this Court requiring the Respondent to answer or otherwise plead herein and permitting services to be made by publication under 7 CMC § 1104.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Respondent shall be served by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Petitioner shall publish the Summons once each week for four successive weeks and the last publication shall be not less than 21 days prior to the return date stated herein.

Entered this 5th day of June, 2012.

/s/ Kenneth L. Govendo
JUDGE

Has aviator Amelia Earhart's **beauty case** been found?

» In addition to freckle-cream jar, experts unearth fragments of other cosmetic products

AP

Ric Gillespie, right, founder of The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, watches equipment testing alongside Wolfgang Burnside from aboard a ship at port in Honolulu on Sunday, July 1, 2012. Inset, an undated file photo shows American aviatrix Amelia Earhart.

By ROSSELLA LORENZI
DISCOVERY NEWS

As the search for Amelia Earhart's plane probes the deep waters off Nikumaroro, a tiny desert island between Australia and Hawaii where the legendary aviator may have landed 75 years ago, new clues have surfaced in the artifacts unearthed on the coral atoll.

A variety of fragmented objects collected by archaeologists at a site on the uninhabited island may have originally been American beauty and skin care products, all dating to the 1930s, says a new summary of research by the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (or TIGHAR), which will be published in October by the academic journal Pacific Studies.

TIGHAR researchers had already suggested that a small jar, found broken in five pieces, could have contained Dr. C.H. Berry's Freckle Ointment. Marketed in the early 20th century, the concoction promised to make freckles fade.

"It's well-documented Amelia had freckles and disliked having them," Joe Cerniglia, the TIGHAR researcher who spotted the freckle ointment as a possible match, told Discovery News.

Cerniglia also identified two other bottles as containers of skin products. One green bottle was possibly St. Joseph's Liniment, which had applications in first aid and as a mosquito repellent.

"This broken bottle was found partially melted in the remains of a cooking fire," Thomas King, TIGHAR's senior archaeologist and author of the summary article, told Discovery News.

"It may have been used in an effort to boil or distill drinking water — there is no fresh surface water on Nikumaroro except what can be caught during sporadic rain squalls," King said.

Spectrographic analysis on another bottle revealed it likely contained Campana Italian Balm, a popular American hand lotion in the 1930s.

"Traces of a substance found in the Nikumaroro fragment matched well with residue from an intact 1934 Campana Italian Balm bottle," Cerniglia said.

Other beauty products included a shattered bottle with the word "Mennen" embossed on its side in Art Deco lettering, apparently a 1930s lotion or cosmetic container of American origin, and small fragments of red material chemically identified as probable cosmetic rouge.

"Earhart is known to have carried a compact which, if it was like others of the period, would have contained rouge," King said.

No beauty case is complete without a mirror, and indeed two small pieces of thin beveled glass that match the mirror of a known 1930s vintage American woman's compact were found at the site.

"I wish we knew more about Amelia's cosmetics. We know she had a compact, and a news account has recently surfaced of her powdering her nose before getting out of the plane in Australia," King said.

He added that archived news account included a very grainy photo of Earhart holding something rectangular about the size of a "book-shaped" compact capacious enough to hold the Nikumaroro mirror.

Intriguingly, King and colleagues may have found evidence for the compact itself in several pieces of thin ferrous metal.

"Chemical analysis on one of the metal pieces indicate the presence of carminic and alginic acids, often used in cosmetics," King said.

Overall, the abundance of cosmetics and beauty products on the desert island provides further circumstantial evidence for the presence of an American woman.

"U.S. Coast Guardsmen, island colonists, and British colonial officials are unlikely to have had such items," King said.

All the cosmetics artifacts, along with many other objects, were found in an area that TIGHAR calls the Seven Site, in the island's remote southeast end.

There, a partial human skeleton was found in 1940 by the island's British administrator. Unfortunately, the bones have been lost.

TIGHAR researchers are currently investigating the reef slope off the west end of Nikumaroro in the attempt to find pieces of Earhart's Lockheed Electra aircraft.

"The objective of the expedition is to locate, identify and photograph any and all surviving aircraft wreckage," Ric Gillespie, TIGHAR's executive director, said.

The expedition and its findings will be captured by a film crew from Discovery Channel and aired as a documentary in August. Discovery News is following the deep water search with daily updates from Nikumaroro.

Dela Cruz irked by House's planned cut in Tinian's budget

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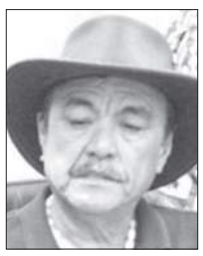
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz has expressed disappointment over the House of Representatives' proposal to cut Tinian's funding level for fiscal year 2012-2013.



Dela Cruz

In a letter addressed to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos on July 11, Dela Cruz said he was dismayed with Rep. Ramon S. Basa's (Cov-Saipan) decision to slash Tinian's budget.

"I wish to clearly express my disappointment with Rep. Ramon S. Basa, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, for his unilateral decision to cut the appropriation to Tinian against your wish to increase our budget," he wrote.

Basa is the main author of the proposed $114-million budget bill. Under the 36-page House Bill 17-313 pre-filed last July 11, Tinian was allocated just $4.566 million or $471,093 less than the $5.037 million originally earmarked by Fitial in his budget plan.

Dela Cruz said the cuts are unwarranted considering Tinian's efforts to improve its tourism industry as well as local economy.

"As you are well aware, we have worked hard at improving our tourism industry and have significantly increased our BGR (business gross receipts) collections. If anything, our budget needs to be increased, as you have suggested so that we can continue to expand business opportunities in this CNMI community," he said.

The proposed cut in Tinian's 2012-2013 funding comes even as Rota's appropriation was increased in Basa's budget proposal, from the $4.371 million originally set aside by the Executive Branch to $4.566 million, the same level to be given to Tinian.

Dela Cruz told Fitial and Inos that he will soon meet with his resident department heads and will direct them to review their budget submissions in light of the increased revenue projections.

"I expect to submit a revised 2013 budget for the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan in mid-August for your consideration," he stated.

In the same letter, Dela Cruz urged Fitial and Inos to reinstate the full 80 hours of government employees at the soonest possible time.

"This is to express my foremost expression of support with some of the legislators' opinion that our government employee should immediately be returned to a 40-hour work week. For too long, they have suffered under a 20-hour cut in salary," he said.

Dela Cruz said the austerity measure for civil servants has had a domino effect in the local economy.

"It has not only hurt their families, but also hurt our local businessmen, has reduced business gross receipts tax collections, and has restricted the delivery of public services. I urge you to immediately reinstate our employees to their full 80-hour biweekly," he said.

Chamorro Village *Buy Local Night* tomorrow

From June 22 to July 18, Guam residents were encouraged to support participating *Buy Local Guam* businesses and save their receipts. Tomorrow, July 18, the community is invited to the Chamorro Village *Buy Local Night* for local food, shopping, and entertainment. They can turn in their saved receipts and have an opportunity to claim prizes, including a chance to win a Stay-cation, an all-inclusive vacation package in Guam!

This special event is part of the broader *Think, Support, Buy Local Guam* movement, which is aimed at educating island businesses and residents on the benefits of supporting Guam-based businesses and organizations and local workforce hiring as a means of enhancing economic well-being and building a strong sense of community.

According to Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, project director of the UOG Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives, "by simply shifting at least 10 percent from off-island , on-base and online business and consumer purchases to local businesses whenever possible, this simple change in purchasing behavior can make a huge difference in keeping more dollars circulating in and benefiting our local economy."

This campaign is part of an initiative funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs through the UOG Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives, in partnership with GEDA, Guam Chamber of Commerce and supported by Guam SBDC, Department of Chamorro Affairs, and UOG Junior Accountants Society.

For more details, log on to www.buylocalguam.org, the official *BuyLocalGuam* website. ***(PR)***

Fitial, nation's governors meet in Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia—Gov. Benigno R. Fitial joined other governors from across the country this weekend in Williamsburg, Virginia for the 2012 National Governors Association Summer Meeting. Fitial and his colleagues also met renowned business leaders and other experts for discussions about a variety of issues and challenges affecting states.

In line with the NGA Chair's initiative for 2012, job creation and economic growth remained at the forefront of the agenda. National Governors Association chair Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman, NGA vice chair Delaware Gov. Jack Markell, and Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell welcomed a bipartisan group of their colleagues for the association's 104th Annual Meeting.

The initiative, dubbed "Growing State Economies," focuses on providing governors and other state policymakers better policy options to assess the economic environment in their state and strategies to foster business growth.

"Economic growth is key to our success as governors, and now, more than ever, job creation and economic growth are top priorities for every state," Heineman noted. "I am extremely pleased that chairman Heineman chose to put economy at the top of the agenda," said Fitial. "The issue of economy has been a top priority for us in the Commonwealth. The lieutenant governor and I have placed considerable focus on reinvigorating our economy and stimulating job creation. Truly, economic growth is key to our future."

"Growing State Economies" provides ideas and options to help states recover from the national economic slowdown and to implement policies that will help foster innovation and entrepreneurship in the coming years. Heineman's initiative aims to help the private sector grow and create new job opportunities for citizens. High growth businesses are one of the driving forces of the modern global economy, a primary source of job creation, prosperity, and economic competitiveness.

"Each governor has unique issues and challenges facing their respective state and this forum allows us to formulate solutions to address them," said Fitial. "We want to create environments where businesses can grow and create jobs. I definitely would like to see a Commonwealth with more people getting back to work and less people depending on welfare benefits."

As part of his initiative, Heineman delivered several products to governors. The first report, titled *A Policy Framework*, highlights six issues and activities that can be refined to improve the conditions for job creation. The second is a Twelve Actions report and accompanying pocket card that aims to provide governors and other state policymakers better policy direction and strategies for business growth. Additionally, each governor received an individualized state economic profile of their state.

Gov. Markell, of Delaware, will become the new chair of NGA at the conclusion of the meeting on Sunday. As is traditionally done, the new chair will unveil his initiative for 2013.

"The NGA has afforded governors with ways to keep people working together. Aside form balancing budgets, the nation's governors all share the commonality of making sure our kids have the tools they need to succeed against growing mounting international competition," said Fitial. "More importantly, we must seek ways to get people who need jobs back to work and help usher greater opportunities for those already working."

Highlights of the meeting include:

- A session with Jim Collins, author and management educator, who will share his perspective on defining great leadership;
- A meeting of the Education and Workforce Committee to examine the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and former Education Secretary Margaret Spellings;
- Saturday meetings of the Economic Development and Commerce, the Health and Human Services Committee, the Natural Resources Committee, and the Special Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety; and
- A concluding session on Sunday morning when governors will discuss how to support entrepreneurial activity and hear from Steve Blank, author of *The Startup Owner's Manual* and consulting professor at Stanford and U.C. Berkeley.

Founded in 1908, the National Governors Association is the collective voice of the nation's governors and one of Washington, D.C.'s, most respected public policy organizations. Its members are the governors of the 55 states, territories and commonwealths. NGA provides governors and their senior staff members with services that range from representing states on Capitol Hill and before the Administration on key federal issues to developing and implementing innovative solutions to public policy challenges through the NGA Center for Best Practices. ***(Office of the Governor)***

HANMI donates $3K to Manta Ray Band

HANMI

Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Nick Nishikawa, right, presents a $3,000 check to Will Dewitt of the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band on July 16, 2012, at Hyatt Regency Saipan. The band is raising funds to perform at the 2012 Olympics in London.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands donated $3,000 to the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band yesterday in support of the band's fundraising efforts to perform at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

The donation, presented by HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa to band instructor Will Dewitt, was made on behalf of HANMI's 12 member hotels and other allied members supporting the hotel industry.

"The Manta Ray Band is an excellent school program for the students and has been a wonderful ambassador for the Northern Mariana Islands in its regional and international performances," said Nishikawa. "We are very proud of the band's hard work and are pleased to have them represent our islands at the Olympics."

The band is expected to depart for London next week. ***(PR)***

BON VOYAGE!

Have a safe and happy trip to Shiela and Bobby Vidal! God bless! Greetings come from your family and friends.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Ruel Villacrusis, who is celebrating his special day today, July 17! Greetings come from the RNV management and staff.

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Happy 3rd birthday to our little "babushka," Luther Andre K. Reyes! We love you and may you have many more birthdays to come! Greetings come from Grandpa/Grandma Onio and the family.

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Belated happy birthday to Ben Vidal, who celebrated his special day on July 14! We have so many wonderful memories from all the years that have passed. We have so many things to be thankful for time went by so very fast. We're thankful that you're our father! We wish the best for you! Greetings come from your children.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC. aka WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL, INC. Plaintiff, -v- **LUCIA C. SABLAN** Defendant.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 11- 0291** **FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on May 17, 2012 in this matter, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant LUCIA C. SABLAN in and to the following real property located at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands:

LOT 1749-NEWB-18, (PART OF LOT 1749-NEWB PART OF ORIGINAL LOT 1749, TD 305), AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 2012/94, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS RECORDED OCTOBER 22, 1993 AS DOCUMENT NO. 93-3795 AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH RECORDER, SAIPAN.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on July 27, 2012, at the hour of 4:15 p.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to the sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

Conduct of Sale.
a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.
b. Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.
c. Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.
d. Disputes. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.

Enforcement of Auction Sale.
a. Deposit. Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the plaintiff, in care of Mailman & Kara, LLC, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.
b. Memorandum of Sale. If requested by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale, immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction.
c. Court Approval. Every sale may be subject to approval by the Court. The auctioneer makes no warranties or promises with respect to court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified if and when court approval is sought, and if and when it is granted.

Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 5th day of July, 2012.

/s/ RONNIE D. HODGES, Auctioneer

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WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC. aka WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL, INC. Plaintiff, -v- **LINO B. SANTOS and EMELITA T. SANTOS,** Defendant.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 11- 0320** **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on June 19, 2012 in this matter, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendants LINO B. SANTOS and EMELITA T. SANTOS in and to the following real property located at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands:

LOT 011 G 814, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 011 G 17, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS RECORDED ON DECEMBER 9, 1993 AS DOCUMENT NO. 93-4285 AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH RECORDER, SAIPAN.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on July 27, 2012, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 26th day of June, 2012.

/s/ RONNIE D. HODGES, Auctioneer

Pacific

Pacific Arts Festival applauded as delegations return home

» 2016 Guam festival will need 'a lot of effort' to top Solomons

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (Solomon Star/PIR)—The festive mood has receded but the experience in the past two weeks at the Festival of Pacific Arts 2012 was something that will linger on in the minds of many in the Solomon Islands.

The big picture of the two-week event in the Solomon Islands was a 'yes' for many who have already left our shores for their home countries.

Various members of the delegates that left the country over the weekend all echoed the same sentiments.

"This was the biggest, successful 11th Festival of Pacific Arts event ever," these were the same sentiments uttered by members of different teams.

Many could hardly hold back their love for the country—such a short time but the hospitality and beauty of the Solomon Islands had already had yawning effect on them.

"I must say I have already fallen in love with the Solomon Islands, such that makes me sad to leave," one member of the Guam contingent told the Solomon Star on Friday night.

The Head of Delegation for the New Zealand contingent said the past two weeks had been awesome.

"It was an experience of a lifetime, the climate, people and food," he said.

Billy Kusupe of Papua New Guinea said he seriously would like to return and live in the Solomon Islands.

"I must tell you, this is one of the countries in the region that need to be a model in our region. The peaceful coexistence regardless of the many different ethnic people, cultures and provinces, they still live happily together without fear.

"Unlike in PNG, the freedom experienced here in the past two weeks in terms of movement, would hardly come your way back at home."

He said he look forward to Guam in 2016 although he said it might not be the same as the Solomon Islands.

"They honestly need to put a lot of effort to beat the Solomons, but as the event is meant for sharing, it doesn't matter, we would have to support Guam to ensure everyone enjoys the next one."

The countries that already left the Solomon Islands include Norfolk Islands, New Zealand, Guam, Papua New Guinea, Australia , Fiji, Tokelau, Hawai'i, Niue and Kiribati.

Escaped Vanuatu convict pronounced dead in hospital

» Armed prisoner allegedly shot by police in self-defense

PORT VILA, Vanuatu (Vanuatu Daily Post/PIR)—A prisoner who has eluded Vanuatu prison authorities for over six months has been finally captured but Vila Central Hospital has confirmed Moses Kilton was already dead when police brought him to hospital.

Kilton was seen about 6:30 early morning Thursday by a mother and her daughter at Tamate village on Klems Hill outside Port Vila.

"He had a point-22 rifle and told me that if he had wanted to kill me he would have done so a long time ago. He was wearing a brown bonnie, a black shirt, and navy blue sports wear. He gave his red slippers to my daughter," the mother told *Daily Post*.

The Tamate village mother's sister was Kilton's partner for the last six years.

She said she recognized the point 22 rifle as belonging to a nearby resident whose house was allegedly burned to the ground in February this year.

"He told me he was the one who burnt the house down," the woman said.

According to residents of the area, it is believed that there was only one bullet left in the gun when it was stolen by Kilton but reliable police and Vanuatu Mobile Force sources informed that there were seven live rounds inside the rifle's magazine.

The gun is currently under police custody.

The woman said she returned home yesterday morning when she heard some gun shots and that was when she realized that the members of the Vanuatu Police Force were on Kilton's trail.

Daily Post contacted the acting commissioner of police, Lt. Col. Arthur Caulton, if he could confirm that Kilton was shot by the police but Caulton could not be reached as he was attending a meeting at Police College yesterday afternoon.

However, according to acting Central Hospital Medical Services manager, Dr. Trevor Cullwick, the 32-year-old prisoner from Pentecost was already dead when members of the Forces rushed him to hospital.

Trevor refrained from releasing further information but said a postmortem is expected to be conducted.

Kiltons was the latest of the three last prisoners to be recaptured by police. The two last prisoners still at large are Jacky Saul, and Paul Shem.

Meanwhile, frustrations have been building up over the last three months when a lot of efforts have been directed into the police operation tasked for the capture of the escaped prisoners.

Samoa police increase security for land survey near airport

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (RNZI/PIR)—The police in Samoa are expected to provide security when the government land surveyors return soon to measure the ten acre block of land to build a U.S.-funded district hospital opposite Faleolo International airport.

The Prime Minister, Tuila'epa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi, has said on his radio program that police officers will be camped at the location while the survey of the land of the Samoa Trust Estates Corporation is being done.

The prime minister said Satapuala village broke the law by trespassing on the land and stopping the surveyors three weeks ago.

Tuila'epa has pointed out the scheduled meeting with the village last Thursday did go ahead with only the village mayor and a government woman representative for Satapuala village attending.

PACIFIC BRIEFS

Fiji troops deployed as UN peacekeepers more than double since 2006

The number of Fiji troops deployed as United Nations peacekeepers has more than doubled over the past six years despite initial UN warnings a military coup would mean taking fewer or no recruits from Fiji. United Nations figures show 147 troops from Fiji were deployed in UN operations in May 2006 and that figure grew to 359 by May this year. The investigation by New Zealand-based think tank 36th Parallel Assessments shows Fijian troops in Iraq have gone up by a third in the past year. A founder of the firm, Selwyn Manning, says Fiji troops now make up three quarters of the UN contingent there. "Most significantly too what did show up was the United Nations obviously values Fiji's combat skills. That can be borne (out) in the figures if you look into what countries are deployed to the UN mission to Iraq." Selwyn Manning says in the past year Fiji has contributed more peacekeepers to UN operations than Australia, Canada and New Zealand combined. ***(Radio New Zealand International)***

Round the clock vote counting underway in Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea's Electoral Commission is conducting round-the-clock shifts for counting officials in order to get vote counting for the general election complete by the end of next week. Three weeks of polling to choose a new 111-member parliament concluded at the weekend. However our correspondent Titi Gabi says counting is progressing slowly in many electorates as electoral officials struggle to get counting completed by the date scheduled for the return of writs. "The counting period should end on the 26th (July) thereabouts so what the Electoral Commission is trying to do now is make sure we meet that schedule, we meet that deadline. So what's going to happen in the Highlands, as of yesterday, is that they're going to be working 24-7, they're going to work the counting on shifts. It's going to be challenging but we have to meet that deadline." Titi Gabi says counting in Chimbu and Eastern Highlands only just got underway today, with counting officials being trained at the last minute. ***(Radio New Zealand International)***

Guadalcanal premier says festival benefits equal costs

The premier of Guadalcanal in Solomon Islands says the benefits of hosting the 11th Festival of Pacific Arts make up for the financial strain the event has placed on the Solomon Islands economy. Festival organizers say the government has made up the shortfall on their budget overrun but reports of angry contractors complaining of not being paid for their work have marred the two-week event, which finished on Friday. Anthony Veke says although the costs have been considerable, he believes the festival will still break even. "Because we have countries over from the Pacific so I think it's fair, even though we spend a lot of money on it, I think it's fair due to the fact that you have about two to three thousand contingents from the Pacific coming, so I think it's a break-even in the economy." Anthony Veke says the festival has widened the horizons of Solomon Islands people and given them an incentive for the future. ***(Radio New Zealand International)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 17, 2000

New firm eyed to manage Fund's health claims

The NMI Retirement Fund Board is set to hire a review utilization firm this month in a move to efficiently manage all health claims of the members, according to Board Chair Vicente C. Camacho. Mr. Camacho said the firm will be able to negotiate the best quality service and cost for the Fund which has been having difficulty coping with the huge cost of medical claims since it took over the government's health insurance in June 1998. One of the firms that submitted the proposal has offered to provide the Fund 20 percent discount on all medical services including room and board, surgery and prescription drugs for patients.

NMC intensifies preparation for GED

The Northern Marianas College Adult Basic Education program is its doubling efforts to ensure students who will be taking the General Education Diploma test in 2002 are ready to face tougher examination questions. With its freshly-approved $348,000 GED grant from the American Council on Education, the college hopes to jump-start intensive preparation measures by making available more training materials for its students. According to ABE Director Fe Calixterio, the program has just acquired new reference materials for students.

July 17, 2001

PSS underscores safe bus driving

When school is out, bus operators under the Public School System's Pupil Transportation fleet take advantage of the time to polish their "safety-sensitive" functions. Attending another series of PSS safety and accident prevention workshops this week, bus driver Clarence Manglona, 35, admits the yearly training keeps him posted on accident prevention measures necessary in his line of work. "It refreshes my memory on driving skills, road safety and it makes me aware of other drivers on the road, to be on alert for anything that might happen," said Manglona, who joined the PSS busing fleet over a year ago.

$130K released for Tinian scholars

Revenues generated from license fees and gambling taxes assisted 106 Tinian students in Fiscal Year 2000, the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board reported. The program, which supports qualified postsecondary and post-graduate students enrolled at the Northern Marianas College and off-island institutions, released $130,507.20 in scholarship awards. The program's initial budget based on local appropriation was at $100,000 for FY2000. In its annual report, the scholarship board, chaired by Janet H. King, said that out of 106 recipients, 72 are attending NMC for their undergraduate studies.

July 17, 2002

Three senators to meet with Citadel executives?

Three senators, including Senate President Paul A. Manglona, were scheduled to join their lower chamber counterparts in Manila yesterday to meet with officials of the Citadel Holdings Corp., the major shareholder of the consortium that won the bid to buy Verizon Pacifica. As of 3pm yesterday afternoon, Manglona, Senate Floor Leader Joaquin G. Adriano and Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication Chair Sen. Diego M. Songao were still awaiting clearance for their travel documents. Manglona was earlier quoted as saying he is not sure if he will go ahead with the trip as the Legislature will be working on the Fiscal Year 2003 budget. Calls made to their cellular phones up to 8pm remained unanswered.

Bill restricts sale of addictive chemicals

Citing the weak enforcement of an existing law that controls the use and distribution of addictive substances, Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig has introduced a measure that gives law enforcement agencies more teeth in preventing inhalant abuse. These include prohibiting the sale of products that contain addictive chemicals to persons below 18 years old and requiring the Department of Public Safety to come up with specific regulations that would effectively enforce this restriction. Atalig, who is chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, said that, despite the passage of the Inhalant Abuse Prevention Act in 1995, the inhalant abuse of toxic vapors and fumes remain unchanged, especially among the youths. With the amendments proposed under Senate Bill, 13-79, Atalig said it is hoped that the enforcement and prosecution provisions of the Act would be strengthened and reduce inhalant abuse among the CNMI's youths.

Las Vegas Night

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Rotarian David Igitol, right, and Rotary Club president Pete Shilling, left, assist a guest while drawing the grand winning ticket for this year's Las Vegas Night.

Rotary Club vice president Laila Boyer and volunteer Jack Kiyoshi check the winning ticket of this year's major prize, which was won by Ariel Capati.

Rotarian Mike White clears the betting table during Las Vegas Night Saturday.

Northern Marianas College director Frankie Elliptico serves as a volunteer-dealer in one of the Black Jack tables featured in Saturday night's games.

Players take their chances in the jampacked Bingo tables.

The winner of Las Vegas Night's first-ever theme costume competition, Rosalinda San Agustin, is all smiles as she walks on stage during the event.

Saipan World Resort staffers are busy preparing food and beverages for the night's guests and players.

Rotarian Eli Buenaventura deals a card in one of the Black Jack tables Saturday night.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio plays Black Jack.

Rotary officials said this year's turnout was considered among the biggest for the annual event.

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EDITORIAL

Louis Freeh didn't pull any punches

Devastating is the only way to describe the findings of a special inquiry into the scandal surrounding convicted child rapist Jerry Sandusky.

Devastating for the leadership at Pennsylvania State University, devastating for the legacy of late football coach Joe Paterno, devastating for anyone who loves the school. But the conclusions of the independent panel led by former FBI Director Louis Freeh stand as both a condemnation and a rallying cry for broad-based reform.

The report should spur state lawmakers to move quickly to "enact laws to protect children instead of perpetrators."

The Freeh report confirmed the broad outlines of an apparent cover-up dating as far back as 1998, when Sandusky was accused of showering with a boy on campus. It offers a shocking portrayal of decision-making by university officials, who were less than forthcoming about their unwillingness to ferret out a serial predator. Above all else, they sought to protect Penn State from scandal.

Freeh said school officials "never demonstrated, through actions or words, any concern for the safety and well-being of Sandusky's victims until after Sandusky's arrest."

Penn State trustees should have kept closer tabs on school administrators, but they deserve credit for launching the Freeh inquiry. At Freeh's urging, the school has already changed policies on contact with minors, reporting abuse allegations, and campus security. Additional steps recommended by the panel should continue an important healing process.

Even more apparent now is the upending of Paterno's legacy. The coach with the most major-college football victories, a man who raised and donated millions to support Penn State academics, will forever be remembered as a participant in a 14-year cover-up of child sexual abuse.

The report also exposed former Penn State president Graham B. Spanier and two former officials facing perjury charges—former Athletic Director Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, a vice president who once had oversight of campus police—as being equally complicit in what Freeh called "the total disregard for the safety and welfare of Sandusky's child victims."

Despite continued claims by Curley, Schultz, and Spanier that they did nothing wrong—and a posthumous defense by Paterno's family—the Freeh report convincingly documents what the former top law enforcement officer in the nation called the failure of the "most powerful leaders" at the university to keep children on campus safe from harm.

Finding evidence that Paterno was not, in the words of the mother of one Sandusky victim, "the honest Joe, the good guy" is among the most dispiriting conclusions.

But in line with the Paterno family's acknowledgement that their patriarch "wasn't perfect," the Freeh report shows the need for systemic reforms at Penn State, and likely other schools, to make certain that campus safety always takes precedence over any fear of bad publicity for the university, its sports teams, or a celebrated person like Joe Pa.

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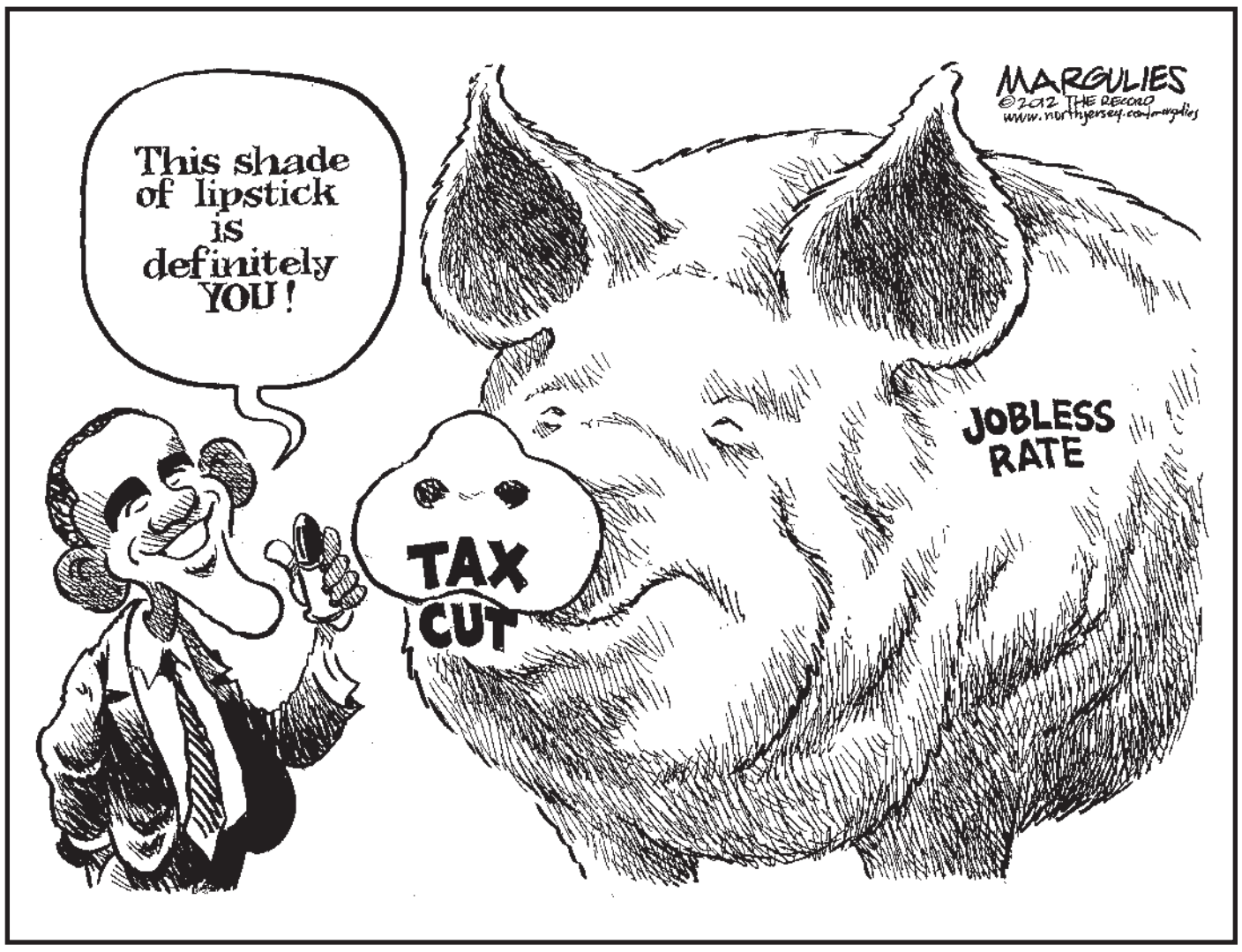

A flash flood and transition traps

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Dong Bei (Northeast China) is not given to drastic weather changes. It is cold half of the year, and autumn officially comes mid-August. The classic weather description is that we have four seasons during the year, two weeks of autumn, two days of spring, two months of summer, and then, cold.

We had to go into town the other day and I was stuck in a taxi for almost two hours covering a distance of less than three miles from the metro to the university. The downpour flooded one of the underpasses and held traffic at a snail's pace of "one meter at a time."

My taxi's alternator finally gave up and I had to push the vehicle in the rain to get it started. Add to that the new taxi policy that keeps charging even when the vehicle is not in motion, and the taximeter registered more than twice the normal fare. With the increase of fares from flag down to waiting time, a necessity since the increase of the cost of gas, we were definitely not the only ones who had to dig deep in the pocket for what would be considered an exorbitant price.

In 2002 and 2003, we attended weeklong sessions at a colleague's place in the foothills Colorado Springs not to far from the devastating fire that recently razed some of the fancy homes in the canyons and hills. Though our colleagues' house was spared three miles away from the raging fire, the site of the disaster was ironically already a note of concern during those conferences as ecological matter was high on the Institute of Realistic Living symposium's theme.

Almost the size of the United States, China in the last three months saw devastation by floods and droughts, landslides and typhoons, high and low temperatures mixed with torrential rains and strong winds. Nature has become the bull in the China shop!

Thailand and the rest of Indochina have too much water on its watersheds and rivers, costing the residents of Bangkok's wetlands and riverbanks costly inconveniences. Even stoic philosophy that pervades the region cannot contain nerves getting frayed. Commercial and industrial activities that propelled Third World countries into the current global economy are being destroyed. Investment rapidly dries up or exits in areas where the fast buck cannot be made!

It has become axiomatic to begin any serious conversation these days with a sweeping statement like, "We live in a critical time of transition." That is hardly new. We've been saying that for as long as I can remember when getting into a conversation weighing more than the current cost of a muscle-knead in Garapan. Metaphors abound that point to the same thing, as in "the great turning" or, the "end of civilization."

A report in 2011 by the Social Development Task Group of the Sociology Department at Tsinghua University titled *Research Report Series on Social Progress* warned that "powerful vested interests" in China were "holding reforms hostage" in a "transition trap."

Professor Sun Liping, former doctoral adviser to Xi Jinping, China's vice president, wrote that reforms were getting lost in the shuffle.

The prodigious output of academé makes this just another report save that, with the pedigree of the illustrious author, the report itself became viral and was subsequently pulled out of Internet circulation. The metaphor of the "transition trap" became a source of controversy as it can be interpreted as being the product of sinister forces, or a natural result of developmental processes getting unmanageable.

Add to that the U.S.' current China containment policy, and the vociferous climate of combative and discordant discourse during this U.S. presidential year (where China bashing is in vogue), and one can understand how easily the research paper got quickly into policy think-tanks and the circle of endless colloquy that infests board rooms, academic seminars, and conferences in the global landscape.

Growth in today's metaphor is taken for granted and the speed of change usually determines whether it is considered evolutionary or revolutionary. Human's intentional participation in the change process is what makes a transition progressive, friendly to management, or a cyclical one, left to its own devices out of control.

Leadership has been a loud cry on Saipan and other parts of the world. In my chart of leadership qualities, I name four roles—that of the poet, the general, the sage, and the saint. Most cries for leadership long for the decisive general who flings headlong into battle. We do not hold each role to be exclusive of the other.

The world does not rotate on its axis; it revolves around human stories. That sentiment is ancient but echoed widely because of its resonance, and the accusatory nature of the "transition trap" pointing to unnamed vested interests (not unlike the OWS 1 percent that controls 99 percent of wealth) is probably why the piece was pulled out of circulation.

Water trickling down the slopes in old Asian technology built the numerous rice terraces of southern China with sticks and manually carried stones. Western technology dammed the torrents and currents. The Three Gorges Dam in the Yangtze buried towns and erased communal memories with bulldozers.

Floods and transition traps are metaphors of contemporary existence.

It makes a difference how we tell the story.

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France, the US and liberté or liberty?

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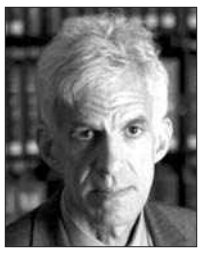

France celebrated Bastille Day on Saturday. Like its sister republic on this side of the Atlantic, the French Republic marked its liberation from the yoke of monarchical rule. But despite the shower of fireworks, parades and speeches in praise of liberty, don't be deceived. Just as America's red, white and blue is the mirror image of France's blue, white and red, liberté isn't quite the same as liberty, especially in the 21st century.

We have long known that France is, well, a foreign country. Take the bidet—which most Americans do, as a cooler for Coke, not a spritz for their private parts. (Our national soft drink, on the other hand, was quite literally seen by the postwar French as an American plot to "coca-colonize" their nation.)

No less particular, and even more peculiar, is the ascenseur à cornichons, or cornichon elevator, the green mesh platform with which one raises those glistening and petite pickles to the jar's lip. The elevator is as graceful for the French as it is meaningless for Americans, for whom cornichons are little more than failed pickles. (Besides, what's wrong with a fork?)

Johnny Hallyday, the 69-year-old megastar whose concerts still fill French football (i.e., soccer) stadiums, is no less foreign for Americans: a bit of a surprise, since he launched his career half a century ago as France's answer to Elvis. The odds are long he will sell out the Beacon Theater this fall for his first New York appearance.

The anthropologist Mary Douglas' suggestion that "dirt is matter out of place" offers a key to these cultural oddities. Just as we transform soil from one kind of thing to another when we move it from the backyard to the kitchen floor, so too do we comprehend French culture. To our eyes, the bidet is little more than plumbing out of place; the cornichon elevator is ingenuity out of place; and Hallyday, quite simply, is Elvis out of place. Once replaced in the proper cultural frame, however, they no longer occupy a conceptual black hole but instead cast a light on the complex society that gave them life.

Does Douglas' insight also apply to liberté? For many Americans, the liberty tree would shrivel and die in France's tax-soaked, socialist soil, tended by a powerful state. Why is it, we wonder, that the bumpers of Peugeots and Renaults are not festooned with "Take France Back" stickers?

After all, like the English colonists, French revolutionaries were rebelling against monarchical despotism. The rubble-strewn space they left where the Bastille prison once stood reflected this new-found sense of "negative" liberty: It was freedom from. From arbitrary rule, from invasive institutions, from hereditary privilege. They were free, in short, from being thrown into the Bastille on the whim of a nobleman.

But, as it turned out, the French also wanted freedom from material insecurity, want and illness. During the revolution there also surged a "positive" understanding of liberty, most powerfully expressed by Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and based on the notion of the common good. By obeying the general will, individuals merge their particular, personal interests with those of others. Only on such foundations are men and women able to fully realize freedom. Here, the French became free to. To work with others, to commit to a greater good, to sacrifice their individual desires in order to achieve something bigger and better.

American conservatives are quick to point out that this positive notion of liberty helped lead to mob rule and the appalling excesses of Robespierre and the Terror. Let us leave to historians the debate over whether this was the result of unique historical circumstances or ideological inevitability. But we should recall that our own country straddles the same tension between the negative and positive charges of liberty: The pursuit of happiness, after all, proclaims certain positive rights (and later, the Constitution's "promote the general welfare" added to the chorus). America's forefathers, as (the admittedly French) Alexis de Tocqueville suggested in "Democracy in America," "had a higher and more comprehensive conception of the duties of society toward its members than had the lawgivers of Europe at that time, and they imposed obligations upon it which were still shirked elsewhere."

But now more than ever in the United States, the negative gloss seems to have trumped the positive. The noisiest among us only want freedom from—taxes, a healthcare system, a California bullet train. They've forgotten the importance of freedom to. For this reason, just as cornichons are botched pickles, liberté may seem like liberty trampled. But once resituated in its proper frame—one brimming with state-subsidized day-care centers and doctor visits, four-week paid vacations and the 200 mph TGV—liberté fully assumes its meaning.

It's their mix of freedom from and to that explains how the French can be the most individualistic of peoples, yet remain committed to a state that seeks to guarantee the well-being of all its citizens. Is it possible that the titles of our founding documents say it all? America's is the Declaration of Independence, full stop, while France's Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen underscores not just rights but also duties.

Americans will probably differ on whether cornichons are good to eat, but as French anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss remarked about such things, they are "good to think." On Saturday, let's reflect on whether the same holds true for the notion of liberté: at the very least, it is good to think about pickles, plumbing, pop stars and life in the land of the free, à la française.

Hostility toward recent immigrants a long American tradition

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Supposedly, an estimated 10 percent of Americans can trace their ancestry back to the Mayflower.

Not surprisingly, former President George W. Bush—son of a president, grandson of a U.S. senator, first offspring produced by the marriage of the blueblooded Bush and Walker families—is a Mayflower descendant. President Barack Obama's roots go almost that deep: He is a descendant of Thomas Blossom, who arrived in Plymouth Colony less than a decade after the Mayflower landed.

America's two most recent presidents are distant cousins. But what distinguishes them from most of the rest of us is merely their ancestors' earlier time of disembarkation, and maybe the place from where those ancestors initially departed. Unless you're Mohawk or Mohican, Wampanoag or Wenatchi, you're not really "from here."

That being the case, why is there so much consternation about the latest, Latino-dominated generation of American immigrants?

The oft-repeated reasons for concern and consternation are familiar: that they violated the law to get here; that by increasing the labor supply they take jobs from, and lower the wages of, American workers; that they strain the legal, security, health care or social-service resources of our state and national governments, sticking taxpayers with the tab. But similar if not identical criticisms were leveled at previous immigrant generations.

My own ancestry is basically half German and half Italian. Both immigrant groups were scorned and reviled at critical junctures in American history.

The significant role of German-American anarchists, most notably in the 1886 Haymarket massacre in Chicago, brought down suspicion upon the broader community. German brewers were singled out during the run-up to Prohibition for leading the nation's moral decay. And, of course, a number of "Huns" were interned during both world wars. Still, millions of young German-Americans fought bravely in each conflict.

Ditto for Italian-Americans. Because notable Italians led the American socialist and anarchist movements during the early 20th century, the patriotism of all Italian-Americans was questioned; Italian-Americans were also displaced or interned as "enemy aliens" during World War II; the "wops" or "Chinese of Europe" were frequently characterized as untrustworthy, swarthy people with a penchant for violence; a few were even lynched by the Ku Klux Klan. Still, more than 1.5 million Americans of Italian descent served in uniform during World War II.

I could write similar synopses about Americans of Irish, Greek, Japanese or Chinese descent, but I invoked my own German-Italian heritage for another reason: According to Census Bureau figures, as the 21st century opened, German was the most common ancestry in the United States—claimed, in whole or part, by more than 40 percent of Americans—with Italian ancestry not far behind, in seventh, at roughly 15 percent. Few people today consider either group "un-American"—least of all in Baltimore, with its proud history of German immigration and cultural influence.

But whether one's ancestry is recent or Colonial in origins, common or uncommon, doesn't matter: America is what America becomes. The immigrant we fear today is just the latest iteration in a long tradition that, for all but the most recent arrivals, includes our own grandfathers and great-grandmothers and ancestors even further back.

Immigration is also a critical aspect of America's most cherished tradition: capitalism. In fact, immigration may well be capitalism's most rudimentary form. New bloodlines introduce new ideas and legitimate challenges to old, outdated modes of thinking.

Economic pressure from immigrants forces those of us already here to work harder and smarter. Their willingness to take the jobs like house-cleaning and yard work that most other Americans don't want frees the rest of us to do the jobs we do want—as will hopefully be the case someday for their own children. Immigration is competition.

And anyone who thinks today's mostly Latino immigrants don't work hard has never seen a construction site or the hardware store parking lots where they wait, sometimes for hours, in hopes of finding even one day's labor. With unemployment at 8 percent officially and higher unofficially, why aren't anti-immigrant xenophobes wondering aloud why other out-of-work Americans aren't waiting alongside them?

I'm not advocating illegal immigration: People should follow the proper course to citizenship. But there's nothing more un-American in spirit—albeit manifestly American in historical practice—than anti-immigrant hatred and fear-mongering.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No money? Find some

Everyone is saying there's no money but no one wants to find some. A long-time businessman has been tossing out ideas how to make a living that will benefit everyone but because his ideas are not faster than a casino industry, they ignore it.

Governor, lieutenant governor, and lawmakers, you always say there is no money, yet you spend our money carelessly on lawyers and useless travels or meetings.

God is giving you a sign that it is time to start making money and stop spending. So start now. The agricultural industry is a sustainable investment in many ways. Why not look into it? Almost everyone here knows how to grow crops. The only problem we had was marketing. But now the market is not a problem because we have a lot of market today.

Another way of making money is to start charging people fees for using public places. Also, taxing those who are fishing, hunting, and are in the food processing business. Obligating people to pay taxes at a certain level of income makes everyone eligible for many federal assistance and grants. It is also good for beneficial matching funds. Making everyone pay tax helps generate revenue and earn respect for each other.

Create a system for taxing a business, and at the same time provide a system of support that will help business grow and generate more revenue for our government.

The Medicaid problem can be resolved if you start looking into government agencies responsible for handling these low-income benefit systems. One can create an annual fundraising program for sick people who have no money for medical needs and make it available for everyone who cannot afford to buy insurance. A system that is run by the government with policies that applies equal rights. How about having the church involved?

Creating a system to help each other will help bring the economy back to its feet. Creating a system of political power will lead to more recession and depression. Being nice to each other and respecting each other's needs will bring more good outcome to the CNMI.

So stop whining and start putting your employees to work. Send them out there to find solution. Use survey, census, and research if necessary. Create programs if needed to find ways of making money. (And please let qualified individuals do the job.)

Winnie Atalig
San Jose, Tinian

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Palau	Showers	▲83	▼75
Yap	Showers	▲89	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲85	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲58	▼44
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲90	▼83
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼62
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88	▼77
New York	Showers	▲92	▼74
Osaka	Sunny	▲91	▼76
Paris	Showers	▲72	▼61
Pusan	Thunderstorms	▲80	▼73
Rome	Sunny	▲90	▼71
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲54	▼48
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲84	▼73
Tokyo	Sunny	▲91	▼76
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲94	▼78

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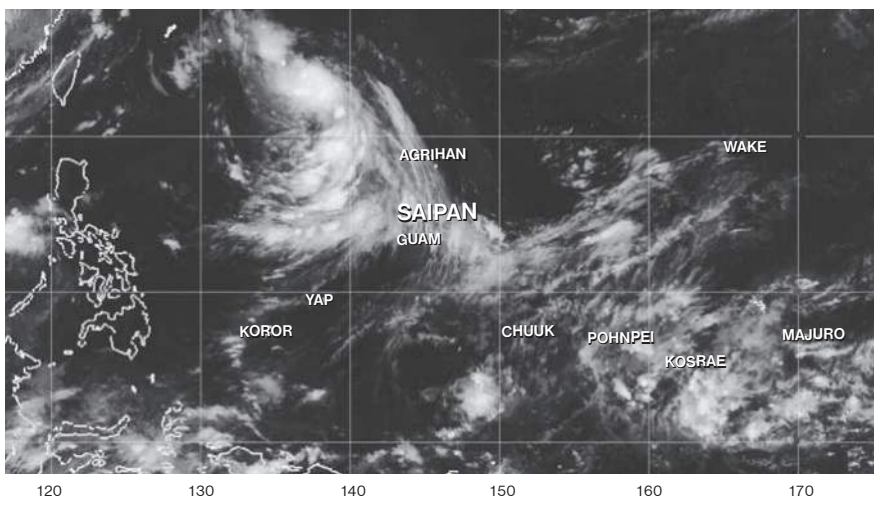

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Depression 08W is far northwest of Guam at 24N137E and is moving west-northwest at 16 mph with maximum sustained winds of 30 mph. Areas of heavy showers and thunderstorms are within 200 miles of the center of TD 08W. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are both northwest of the Mariana Islands between 13N and 20N from 134E to 145E and across the Marianas within 100 miles of a line from 15N145E to 12N150E to 12N152E. For more information on TD 08W, see bulletins issued by Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. An upper-level low centered northeast of Saipan near 18N154E is triggering widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 12N and 19N from 155E to 160E. Northerly surface winds are converging south of Koror and triggering scattered showers between the equator and 5N from 130E to 138E. A surface trough southwest of Chuuk is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 1N and 5N from 148E to 151E. A weak circulation is southeast of Pohnpei near 4N160E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across Pohnpei and Kosrae are between the equator and 10N from 155E to 170E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few yhunderstorms across the southern RMI, Butaritari and Tarawa between the equator and 7N from 170E to 180. A trade-wind disturbance near the date line is causing scattered showers east of a line from 17N175E to 13N175E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:21 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
6:16 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:52 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
8:57 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:56 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:56 AM	6:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:59 AM	5:13 PM
Wednesday	4:51 AM	6:00 PM
Thursday	5:43 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	6:36 AM	7:30 PM
Saturday	7:29 AM	8:13 PM

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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL285	6:30am	9:15am	1, 3, 5, 7
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

0Z606/120	2:20am	8:50pm	1 via ICN
0Z606/120	2:50am	8:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

0Z606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
0Z604/703	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

0Z606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN
0Z606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:45pm	1, 5 via GUM
0Z604/723	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5062	3:40am	5:40am	1, 3, 5 via SPN

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)

UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5062	2:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL286	7:40pm	12:15am +1	2, 4, 6, 7
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

0Z119/606	9:30am	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z119/606	9:30am	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

0Z603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
0Z704/603	11:40pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

0Z724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA180/5071	10:35pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Business

Study: Viewers turning to YouTube as news source

By JAKE COYLE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—A new study has found that YouTube is emerging as a major platform for news, one to which viewers increasingly turn for eyewitness videos in times of major events and natural disasters.

The Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism on Monday released their examination of 15 months of the most popular news videos on the Google Inc.-owned site. It found that while viewership for TV news still easily outpaces those consuming news on YouTube, the video-sharing site is a growing digital environment where professional journalism mingles with citizen content.

"There's a new form of video journalism on this platform," said Amy Mitchell, deputy director of the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism. "It's a form in which the relationship between news organizations and citizens is more dynamic and more multiverse than we've seen in most other platforms before."

More than a third of the most-watched videos came from citizens. Than more half came from news organizations, but footage in those videos sometimes incorporated footage shot by YouTube users.

The Japanese earthquake and tsunami was the most-viewed news event during the length of the study, which spanned January 2011 to March 2012. The top videos from Japan included footage from surveillance cameras, a news network and a Japanese Coast Guard vessel—a typical variety of sources.

Such dramatic events were often among the most watched videos. Other popular news events included the Russian elections, unrest in the Middle East, the collapse of a fair stage in Indiana and the crash of an Italian cruise ship.

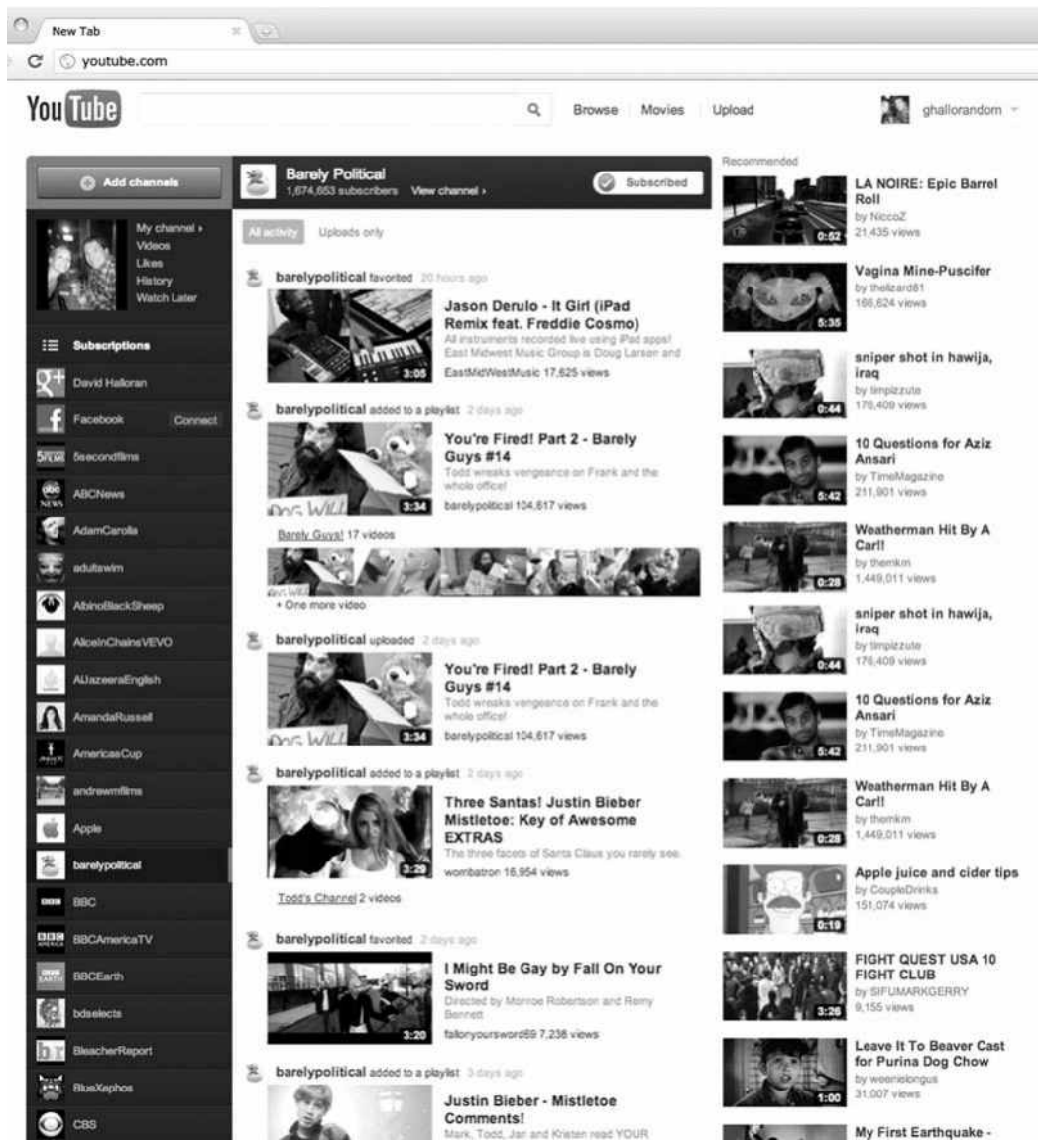
"One of the things that emerges here is the power of bearing witness as a part of a news consumption process," said Mitchell. "Many of the most viewed stories that we're looking at here have real powerful imagery around them."

The results depicted both reasons for concern and encouragement for traditional news outlets. While citizen journalism accounts for a large slice of viewership on YouTube, its users are also eager distributers of professional news video. The study shows YouTube as a global news arena where professional and amateur video bleed together, and is made consumable in on-demand style.

That kind of atmosphere also makes for issues of authenticity. Though YouTube has guidelines for news video, they aren't always followed and some videos go viral despite uncertain sources.

"This is a young platform and there're certainly aspects of this interplay and the way information is going to flow that's still being worked out," said Mitchell.

A relatively nascent new organization, Russia Today, a network founded in 2005 and backed by the Russian government that often reports rumor, had easily the most videos among the most-viewed. The second most-viewed news organization among the top videos was Fox News, although the study pointed out that more than half of those videos were posted in criticism of the network.



AP

This file image of a screen grab provided by Google Inc. on Dec. 1, 2011 shows the YouTube website.

US plane makers teaming with Chinese firms

By ROXANA HEGEMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—Walter Beech was one of America's greatest aviation pioneers, a former World War I flyer who spent three years after the war touring the country as a barnstorming exhibition pilot. That experience spawned ideas for aircraft design, inspiration that came to fruition in 1932 when he and his wife founded Beech Aircraft Co.

Today, the airplane maker that traces its roots to that iconic Kansas company is fighting for its very survival in bankruptcy court. Hawker Beechcraft—one of the lynchpin companies that helped make Wichita the "Aviation Capital of the World"—is now betting its future on Chinese industrialist Shenzong Cheng and his wife, Qin Wang.

The announcement last week that Hawker Beechcraft had reached an agreement to sell its business jet and general aviation operations to Cheng's company exemplifies emerging realities in what had been one of the last remaining strongholds of American manufacturing. The Great Recession was hard on the industry, and Chinese firms are showing an interest in some of the beleaguered companies.

Many of them are in Wichita, where plane makers build more than half of all general aviation aircraft delivered around the world each year. It's home not only to Hawker Beechcraft but also Cessna, Bombardier, Boeing, Spirit AeroSystems, and more than a hundred smaller aerospace suppliers.

Hawker Beechcraft, which filed for bankruptcy protection in May, plans to sell its civilian aircraft operations to Beijing-based Superior Aviation Beijing Co. Ltd. for $1.79 billion. Sixty percent of Superior is owned by a private entity entirely owned by Cheng and his wife. The other 40 percent is held by an economic development company controlled by the Beijing municipal government.

Questions loom about what will happen to workers and facilities in Wichita. Superior says it has no plans to relocate or terminate any manufacturing facilities or product lines, but union officials say such talk has to be backed up with solid guarantees. Most of the fears workers have stem from the fact that so much is unknown, said machinists' union spokesman Frank Larkin.

Sales of the small and mid-size business jets made by three of Wichita's major manufacturing facilities plummeted during the Great Recession. More than 13,000 aircraft workers in the city have lost their jobs since the recession started in 2008. Another blow to Wichita came earlier this year when Boeing announced it was closing its local defense plant.

Meanwhile, Wichita-based Cessna Aircraft Co. said earlier this year that it foresees China becoming one of the top 10 countries for business jet ownership globally by 2025.

Cessna signed agreements in March with Aviation Industry Corp. of China, or AVIC, and the Chengdu government, saying the deal would pave the way for light and mid-size business jets, utility single-engine turboprops and single-engine piston aircraft to be manufactured and certified in China.

That deal was followed in May with another agreement Cessna signed with AVIC subsidiary China Aviation Industry General Aircraft Co. Ltd., or CAIGA, and the Shijiazhuang municipal government. The deal was a step for the final assembly, sales and customer support for the Cessna Caravan in China for the Chinese market.

The planes would be built in Kansas and shipped to Shijiazhuang, China, to undergo final assembly before being sold in China.

CAIGA last year bought the parent company of Cirrus Aircraft in the United States. Not only did the Chinese-based firm keep its U.S. employees, but it pumped in $150 million in development costs to boost its light jet production. The plane—whose development had been slowed for years by lack of money—will be built in Cirrus' hometown of Duluth and in Grand Forks, N.D.

Analyst Cai von Rumohr of Cowen and Co. said if Superior is interested in Hawker Beechcraft's civilian operations as a strategic investment, as it claims, then it is probably going to get into the business jet business. But he is skeptical Superior really is going to keep all manufacturing in the United States because the company would be at a cost disadvantage.

However, it's also unlikely Superior would move its entire production line to China because it then would lose its Federal Aviation Administration production certificate, said Richard Aboulafia, an aviation analyst with Teal Group, a Fairfax, Virginia-based aerospace and defense analysis company.

Oil falls below $87 as China cautions on economy

BANGKOK (AP)—Oil fell slightly in Asia on Monday as the Chinese premier's downbeat comments on the economy underlined the possibility of weak demand from the world's second biggest crude consumer.

Benchmark oil for August delivery was down 25 cents at $86.87 a barrel at late morning Bangkok time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose $1.02 to finish at $87.10 per barrel in New York on Friday. Brent crude was up 6 cents at $101.48 on the ICE futures exchange.

The weekend comments from Premier Web Jiabao came after China reported that economic growth fell to a three-year low of 7.6 percent in the second quarter. Wen said China's economy has not yet entered a recovery and "economic difficulties may continue for some time."

But the fall in oil was limited by signs that crude supplies are facing some constraints, which could act to push prices higher.

A series of reports last week showed that oil supplies from Iran, the North Sea and the U.S. have declined. Continued decreases would likely squeeze global supplies, while demand is expected to rise to a record of about 90 million barrels per day this year.

Oil has fallen from $106 about two months ago amid expectations Europe's debt crisis and weak economy would reduce demand for crude.

In other futures trading, heating oil was up 0.34 cents at $2.792 a gallon and natural gas added 0.1 cent to $2.875 per 1,000 cubic feet. Gasoline rose 0.28 cents to $2.69 a gallon.

Ford recalls Escape crossover vehicles

DETROIT (AP)—Ford Motor Co. is recalling more than 10,000 redesigned 2013 Escape SUVs to fix carpet padding that could get in the way of braking.

Ford says that wrongly positioned carpet padding could reduce space around the pedals and cause drivers to hit the side of the brake pedal when switching from the accelerator.

The auto maker told the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that dealers will remove the carpet padding and replace a console trim panel at no charge.

Ford said the recall covered 8,266 vehicles in the U.S. Ford spokeswoman Marcey Zwiebel said it also affected about 2,000 vehicles in Canada and a couple hundred in Mexico.

Zwiebel said Ford had not received any reports of accidents or injuries related to the problem, which she said was discovered "through internal evaluations." The vehicles were built between March 8 and June 7 at Ford's assembly plant in Louisville, Ky.

The recall is expected to begin July 23. Owners may call the automaker at 866-436-7332.

Ford sold 28,500 Escapes last month, up 28 percent from June 2011.

Nation

Space workers struggle a year after last shuttle

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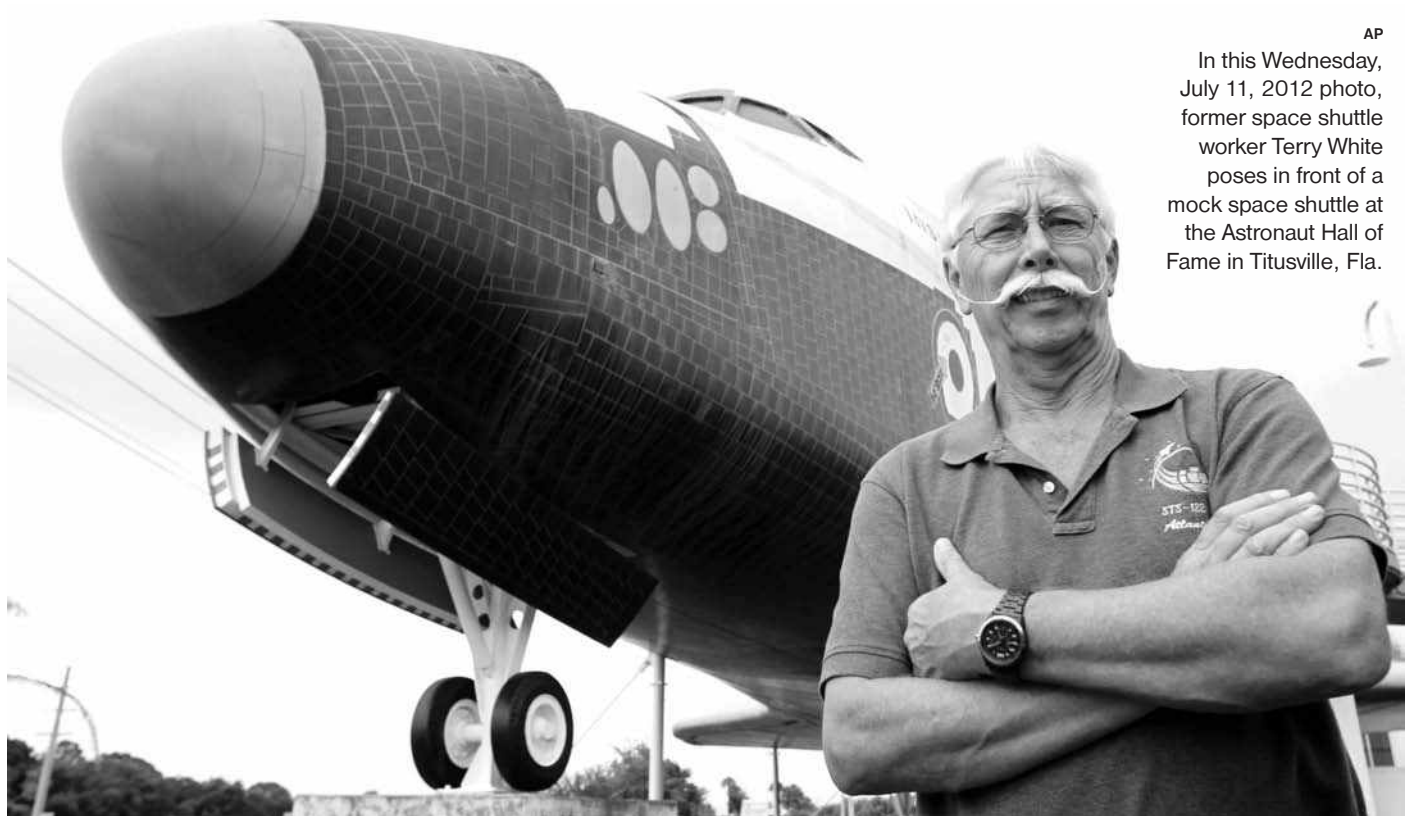

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In this Wednesday, July 11, 2012 photo, former space shuttle worker Terry White poses in front of a mock space shuttle at the Astronaut Hall of Fame in Titusville, Fla.

TITUSVILLE, Fla. (AP)—A year after NASA ended the three-decade-long U.S. space shuttle program, thousands of formerly well-paid engineers and other workers around the Kennedy Space Center are still struggling to find jobs to replace the careers that flourished when shuttles blasted off from the Florida "Space Coast."

Some have headed to South Carolina to build airplanes in that state's growing industry, and others have moved as far as Afghanistan to work as government contractors. Some found lower-paying jobs beneath their technical skills that allowed them to stay. Many are still looking for work and cutting back on things like driving and utilities to save money.

"Nobody wants to hire the old guy," said Terry White, a 62-year-old former project manager who worked 33 years for the shuttle program until he was laid off after Atlantis landed last July 21. "There just isn't a lot of work around here. Or if so, the wages are really small."

White earned more than $100,000 a year at the end of his career at the space center. The prospects of finding a job that pay anywhere near that along the Space Coast are slim.

"I could take an $11-an-hour job that is 40 miles away," he said "But with gas prices and all that, it's not really worthwhile."

More than 7,400 people, who once had labored on one of history's most complicated engineering achievements, lost their jobs when the shuttle program ended last July. While other shuttle workers in Houston, New Orleans and Huntsville, Ala., lost jobs, those areas had bigger economies to absorb the workers. In less economically diverse Brevard County, the mainly contractor positions cut by NASA accounted for just under 5 percent of the county's private sectors jobs.

The Kennedy Space Center's current workforce of 8,500 workers is the smallest in more in than 35 years. In the middle of the last decade, the space center employed around 15,000 workers.

James Peek, a 48-year-old quality inspector for the shuttles, has applied for 50 positions with no success since he was laid off in October 2010. He has taken odd jobs glazing windows for a luxury hotel in Orlando and working as a security guard. He has no health insurance and incurred a $13,000 bill when he was hospitalized for three days last May.

"With most companies, it's like your application goes into a black hole," Peek said. "We're struggling to stay afloat."

Jobless space workers have signed up for Brevard Workforce's job placement and training services. Slightly more than half of the 5,700 workers the agency has been able to track have found jobs, but more than a quarter of those positions were outside Florida. Those jobs have been in the fields of engineering, mechanics and security, according to the agency.

Brevard County's unemployment rate spiked in the months that the shuttle program wound down, going from 10.6 percent in April 2011 to 11.7 percent in August 2011. It has since declined to 9 percent, a result of a smaller workforce as many former shuttle workers either moved away or retired earlier than planned. Brevard County has added 2,700 jobs since the beginning of the year, but many are in the southern part of the 72-mile-long county where information technology giant Harris Corp. and airplane-maker Embraer are located. Jobless space workers in the northern part of the county jokingly refer to those high-tech workers as "their rich cousins."

Some local employers are finding that the former space workers' salary demands are sometimes too high.

"STOP sending former Space Center employees," one employer wrote to Brevard Workforce, the local job agency, in a comment included in its monthly committee report. "They have an unrealistic salary expectation."

Taxpayer money allocated for job training programs for displaced space shuttle workers also is dwindling a year after the program ended.

Adding to the difficulties of finding a new job is the age of many of the former shuttle workers. Many spent their entire careers working on the space shuttles and are now in their 50s and 60s.

In between sending out resumes and meeting at networking events, many of the space workers are volunteering at Kennedy Space Center, giving tours to dignitaries and providing oral histories to tourists who stop by the Vehicle Assembly Building.

Even though many of the older space workers like White had years to plan for the end of the shuttle program, they stuck around, hoping to prepare the orbiters for displays in museums in Florida, Los Angeles and Washington after the program ended. They expected younger shuttle workers to move over to the successor Constellation program whose goal was to send astronauts to the moon and then Mars.

Governors put off health care questions, for now

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP)—Millions of uninsured people may have to wait until after Election Day to find out if and how they can get coverage through President Barack Obama's health care law.

More than two weeks after the Supreme Court gave the green light to Obama's signature legislative achievement, many governors from both parties said they haven't decided how their states will proceed on two parts under their control: an expansion of Medicaid, expected to extend coverage to roughly 15 million low-income people, and new insurance exchanges, projected to help an additional 15 million or so purchase private insurance.

In some states, such as Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming, governors said they're crunching the numbers to determine what's best for their residents. But in other states, including Virginia, Nebraska and Wisconsin, Republican governors said not to expect a decision before Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney square off in November.

If Romney wins, the argument goes, he'll work to throw out the health care overhaul, and the issue will be moot.

"I don't think I can look the taxpayers of Virginia in the eye and say I'm going to spend a lot of your money building exchanges that four months from now I may not need," Gov. Bob McDonnell, R-Va., said on the sidelines of the National Governors Association meeting.

Although the high court upheld the requirement that individuals either have insurance or pay a fine, the justices undercut Obama's plan to get almost all Americans insured, ruling that states can opt out of the expansion of Medicaid, the government-run insurance plan. People earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level qualify for Medicaid under the health care law, except in states that reject the expansion.

The Obama administration said last week that people won't be fined for not having insurance in states that turn down the expansion, meaning Obama's hard-fought overhaul could fall far short of the 30 million or more uninsured he had hoped would get coverage.

Also left to the governors is what to do about the exchanges—Internet-based markets designed to offer one-stop shopping for insurance—that are also part of law. States are supposed to set up their own exchanges, but if they don't, the federal government will run them instead.

About a half-dozen states have announced plans to forgo the Medicaid expansion and relinquish the massive infusion of federal dollars that would come along with it. All have Republican governors, many of whom argued Medicaid is an underfunded entitlement already weighing down their cash-strapped budgets.

Others faulted the Obama administration for failing to provide the specifics that states need to make an informed decision. That sentiment was echoed in a list of 30 questions about the law that the Republican Governors Association sent Obama last week.

The law picks up the entire cost of covering more people for the first three years, and then drops to 90 percent, with states covering the remaining 10 percent. It's a great deal, proponents argue, especially compared to the current Medicaid rates, wherein Washington pays as little as half of the cost in some states.

LA sheriff: Man recovers car 42 years after theft

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Texas man whose prized sports car was stolen 42 years ago recovered the vehicle in California after spotting it on eBay, authorities said Sunday.

Robert Russell told the Los Angeles County sheriff's officials that he had never given up searching for the 1967 Austin-Healey after it was stolen from his Philadelphia home in 1970.

The 66-year-old retired sales manager from Southlake told the *Dallas Morning News* he paid a friend $3000 for the car. It had sentimental value to him because it was stolen the morning after he took his future wife out on their second date.

Russell said he spent years surfing the Internet looking for the car and didn't have much hope of finding it.

"The fact that the car still exists is improbable," he said. "It could have been junked or wrecked."

He said he checked on eBay periodically and spotted it a few weeks ago. He immediately called a Beverly Hills car dealership that was selling it.

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In this image provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department the stolen car sits on small transport trailer as it is delivered to Robert Russell 's home in Texas.

He said the vehicle's identification number matched that of his car. He had the original key and car title, but not a copy of the stolen-car report to prove that it was stolen from him.

Russell contacted Philadelphia police for help and learned that the stolen-car report wasn't showing up at the FBI's national crime index because one vehicle identification number was entered incorrectly. The report was finally found and the file was reactivated, enabling Los Angeles authorities to impound the car.

Russell and his wife, Cynthia, drove to Los Angeles and took possession of the car. It's now valued at $23,000.

"It still runs, but the brakes don't work well," he said. "We're going to put it back the way it was."

Asia

N. Korean media: Army chief relieved of all posts

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Kim Jong Un's top military official—a key mentor to North Korea's young new leader who had served under his father—has been removed from all posts because of illness, state media said Monday in a surprise announcement that shakes the core of the authoritarian country's power structure.

Ri Yong Ho had looked healthy in recent appearances, and his departure fed speculation among analysts that Kim purged him in an effort to put his own mark on the nation he inherited seven months ago when his father Kim Jong Il died. At the same time, there was no sign of discord at Ri's last public appearance at a high-level event barely a week ago.

The decision to dismiss the 69-year-old from top military and political posts was made at a Workers' Party meeting Sunday, according to the official Korean Central News Agency. It was not immediately clear who would take Ri's place, and the dispatch did not elaborate on his condition or future.

Daniel Pinkston, a North Korea analyst at the International Crisis Group, was skeptical of the illness claim, in part because of Ri's recent apparent health. He also said Ri won his major promotions at a September 2010 party conference but received none in April, which stirred speculation about the general's future.

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In this Sunday, April 15, 2012 file photo released by the Korean Central News Agency and distributed by the Korea News Service, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, right, smiles with the Korean People's Army senior officers, Vice Marshal and Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission Choe Ryong Hae, center, and Vice Marshal and the military's General Staff Chief Ri Yong Ho, during a mass military parade in Kim Il Sung Square to celebrate the centenary of the birth of his grandfather, national founder Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang.

"There's a very high probability that it wasn't health issues, but that he was purged," sending a strong signal to anyone seeking to challenge Kim Jong Un—even if Ri never directly defied the new leader, Pinkston said.

Ri was vice marshal and chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, making him the nation's top military official behind Kim Jong Un, who rules as supreme commander.

In 2010, Ri also was promoted to key political posts in the Workers' Party, including vice chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party and Presidium of the party's influential Political Bureau, making him a top political figure along with Kim, Kim's uncle Jang Song Thaek and other trusted members of the late Kim Jong Il's circle of advisers.

Ri had been at Kim Jong Un's side since the young man emerged publicly as Kim Jong Il's successor in 2010, often standing between father and son at major events. He was there throughout the mourning for Kim Jong Il, and was among the small group of men who accompanied the late leader's hearse through snowy Pyongyang during the funeral procession.

In the weeks and months after Kim Jong Un took power, he accompanied the new ruler on his first trips to visit military units in a pointed show of continuity and military support as Kim sought to shore up the backing of the nation's troops.

The dismissal of the top army official is a significant move in North Korea, which operated under a "military-first" policy under Kim Jong Il, who elevated the army's role when he became leader after the 1994 death of Kim Il Sung, his father and the nation's founder.

Ri also oversaw an influential Kim Jong Un support group comprising officers in their 50s and 60s whom commanders considered rising stars, according to Ken Gause, a North Korea specialist at CNA, a U.S.-based research organization.

Kim Jong Un has upheld the "songun" military-first policy, but in April he also promoted younger officials with economic backgrounds to key party positions in line with his push to build up the nation's economy.

In Seoul, Hong Hyun-ik, an analyst at the private South Korean think tank Sejong Institute, said Ri's departure was probably not related to illness but an effort by Kim to put a closer confidant in the top echelons of leadership. He said he expected more aging officials to be dismissed in coming weeks, calling the move part of a "generational change."

The robust Ri, who had served as chief of the General Staff since 2009 and was promoted to vice marshal in 2010, showed no sign of illness when he spoke in late April at a meeting of top officials marking the 80th anniversary of the army's founding. He was cited in state media as accompanying Kim Jong Un at public events as recently as last week.

North Korea has one of the world's largest armies, with more than a million military personnel in a nation with a population of 24 million.

The Korean Peninsula has remained locked in a state of war and divided by the world's most militarized border since a truce in 1953 ended three years of fighting.

Animosity has deepened since a North Korean rocket launch in April that the U.N. called a cover for a test of banned long-range missile technology. North Korea said the launch, which failed shortly after liftoff, was meant to put a satellite into orbit.

North Korea has repeatedly threatened harm to South Korea's president, the government and Seoul's conservative media in recent months, angry over perceived insults to its leadership and recent U.S.-South Korean military drills that Pyongyang says are a prelude to an invasion.

Floods in Japan kill 26, thousands remain cut off

TOKYO (AP)—Thousands of people in southern Japan remained cut off Sunday by floods and mudslides triggered by torrential rains that have killed at least 26 people, local authorities said.

Evacuation orders issued a day earlier for a quarter of a million people were lifted in most areas Sunday as the rains subsided, allowing many people to return home.

But thousands remained cut off by landslides or fallen trees that blocked roads in mountainous areas.

More than 3,000 people were left stranded in Yame, in Fukuoka Prefecture in southwestern Japan, where roads were cut off to seven districts, the Kyodo news agency reported, citing local authorities. The Japanese military airlifted food by helicopters to stranded districts.

Local officials raised the death toll from the torrential rains in the northern parts of the Kyushu region to 26 and six people remain missing in Kumamoto, Oita and Fukuoka prefectures, Kyodo reported. Most of the victims were in their 70s and 80s.

In Yame, a 70-year-old man died after being caught in a landslide, while another man died in Yanagawa, also in Fukuoka, after being retrieved from a car at an irrigation channel floodgate, according to local authorities, Kyodo reported.

In Kyoto Prefecture, in western Japan, heavy rainfall of up to 3.5 inches (90 millimeters) per hour flooded around 100 houses each in Kameoka and Kyoto, Japan's old capital, Kyodo reported.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said that the worst was over, but predicted more rain and thunderstorms in some areas through Monday.

Mortar kills woman, three children in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—A mortar round hit a house belonging to a paramilitary soldier Sunday in northwestern Pakistan, killing his wife and three of his children, police said, not far from the newly reopened NATO supply crossing to Afghanistan.

The soldier in the Frontier Corps, Dolat Mir, was wounded in the explosion in Mera Sheikhan village near the Khyber tribal area, said police official Inayatullah Khan.

The Khyber tribal region is one of the two land routes for ferrying the supplies to U.S. and its allied NATO forces across border in Afghanistan. Chaman border in southwest Pakistan is the other land crossing.

Mir's son and two daughters who died were between the ages of one and seven, Khan said.

It was unclear who fired the mortar, Khan said, or whether the house was intentionally targeted. The 27-year-old soldier has been serving in the North Waziristan tribal region, said police official Behram Khan.

The military has been conducting operations against Islamist militants in Khyber.

Pakistan reopened both routes for NATO supplies on July 4 after a seven-month suspension. This came after U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton apologized for the deaths of 24 Pakistani soldiers in an allied forces raid on a border military post. Pakistan blocked the routes after the border incident, demanding an apology.

Opponents of reopening the route demonstrated at the Chaman crossing on Sunday.

Around 4,000 Islamists travelled hundreds of kilometers (miles) to the border from Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province where Chaman is located, and held a sit-in protest, said police official Agha Mohammad. A banner in the rally read, "Say no to NATO supplies," and the protesters chanted, "Long live Mullah Omar," a founder of the Taliban.

The demonstrators dispersed peacefully.

Another 1,000 Islamists marched to the seaport in the southern city of Karachi, where NATO supplies are received before being transported to Afghanistan.

Thousands of Islamists under the banner of the Difa-e-Pakistan Council, or council for defending Pakistan, a group of several Islamic political parties and militant groups, thronged the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, on July 9 to protest the supply resumption. At the time, the group pledged to organize more protests.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippines mourns as popular comedian is buried

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—People across the Philippines have been watching the funeral of the country's "King of Comedy" on nationwide TV. Rodolfo Vera Quizon Sr. was a popular actor fondly called Dolphy by generations of Filipinos. The 83-year-old died Tuesday of organ failure, kidney ailments and complications from pneumonia. He was buried Sunday. Quizon starred in more than 200 films in his 66-year career. Once a poor peanut vendor in movie houses, he shot to fame playing gay roles and slapstick characters. He became so famous that presidential candidates courted his support in elections. He had 18 children with six women. President Benigno Aquino III declared Friday a national day of remembrance to honor the movie icon. Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim ordered flags to be flown at half-staff in the capital.

3 swept to death by rampaging Philippine river

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Officials say a pregnant woman and two girls have been swept to their deaths by a rain-swollen river in the southern Philippines. Office of Civil Defense Administrator Benito Ramos says the three were washing clothes along the bank of the Safali river in Tiboli town in South Cotabato province on Saturday when the water rapidly rose and the current swept them away. He says their bodies were found downstream. Ramos said Sunday that pounding rains poured down a nearby mountain and swamped the river, catching the three by surprise. At least 20 storms are expected to lash the Philippines during the current rainy season.

Violence erupts in East Timor over new govt

DILI, East Timor (AP)—Police in East Timor say protesters angry that their party was shut out of the incoming government have thrown stones at officers, burned or destroyed 58 cars and damaged some houses. Police chief Longuinhos Monteiro says one person has been killed and four policemen have been injured in clashes in Dili, the capital. Witnesses said police arrested at least 12 people Sunday and that violence continued Monday. Montero says the protesters are believed to be supporters of the Fretilin party, which finished second to Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao's party in July 7 parliamentary elections. The violence broke out shortly after Gusmao said his party would set up a coalition with Democratic Party and Frenti-Mudanca, excluding Fretilin from the government.

World

Red Cross declares Syrian conflict to be civil war

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In this citizen journalism image taken on Friday, July 13, 2012 and provided by Edlib News Network ENN, Free Syrian Army soldiers run for cover in Idlib province, northern Syria.

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Syria's 16-month bloodbath crossed an important symbolic threshold Sunday as the international Red Cross formally declared the conflict a civil war, a status with implications for potential war crimes prosecutions.

The Red Cross statement came as United Nations observers gathered new details on what happened in a village where dozens were reported killed in a regime assault. After a second visit to Tremseh on Sunday, the team said Syrian troops went door-to-door in the small farming community, checking residents' IDs and then killing some and taking others away.

According to the U.N., the attack appeared to target army defectors and activists.

"Pools of blood and brain matter were observed in a number of homes," a U.N. statement said.

Syria denied U.N. claims that government forces had used heavy weapons such as tanks, artillery and helicopters during the attack Thursday.

Syrian Foreign Ministry spokesman Jihad Makdissi said the violence was not a massacre—as activists and many foreign leaders have alleged—but a military operation targeting armed fighters who had taken control of the village.

"What happened wasn't an attack on civilians," Makdissi told reporters Sunday in Damascus. He said 37 gunmen and two civilians were killed—a far lower death toll than the one put forward by anti-regime activists, some of whom estimated the dead at more than 100.

"What has been said about the use of heavy weapons is baseless," Makdissi added.

The U.N. has implicated President Bashar Assad's forces in the assault. The head of the U.N. observer mission said Friday that monitors stationed near Tremseh saw the army using heavy weaponry and attack helicopters.

The fighting was some of the latest in the uprising against Assad, which activists say has killed more than 17,000 people. Violence continued Sunday, with more clashes reported around the capital, Damascus.

The bloodshed appeared to be escalating. On Sunday, the International Committee of the Red Cross said it now considers the Syrian conflict a civil war, meaning international humanitarian law applies throughout the country.

Also known as the rules of war, humanitarian law grants all parties in a conflict the right to use appropriate force to achieve their aims. The Geneva-based group's assessment is an important reference for determining how much and what type of force can be used, and it can form the basis for war crimes prosecutions, especially if civilians are attacked or detained enemies are abused or killed.

"We are now talking about a non-international armed conflict in the country," ICRC spokesman Hicham Hassan said.

War crimes prosecutions would have been possible even without the Red Cross statement. But Sunday's pronouncement adds weight to any prosecution argument that Syria is in a state of war—a prerequisite for a war crimes case.

Previously, the Red Cross committee had restricted its assessment of the scope of the conflict to the hotspots of Idlib, Homs and Hama. But Hassan said the organization concluded that the violence was widening.

"Hostilities have spread to other areas of the country," Hassan said. "International humanitarian law applies to all areas where hostilities are taking place."

Although the armed uprising in Syria began more than a year ago, the committee had hesitated to call it a civil war—though others, including United Nations officials, have done so.

That is because the rules of war override—and to some extent suspend—the laws that apply in peacetime, including the universal right to life, right to free speech and right to peaceful assembly.

When the Red Cross says something "it's always very persuasive," said Louise Doswald-Beck, a professor of international law at the Geneva Graduate Institute. In legal terms, that means a court would be unlikely to decide differently.

As an internal conflict officially becomes a civil war, the security environment shifts from regular law enforcement to a situation in which international law permits the government to attack rebel fighters, Doswald-Beck said.

"That's why this whole business of Tremseh is interesting," she said.

Much work to do before London is Olympic ready

LONDON (AP)—With the opening ceremony less than two weeks away, there's a mad dash to the finish line at the Olympics and it has nothing to do with sprinters.

Hundreds of construction workers are toiling away inside the Olympic Park, laying cables, installing seats and adding the last layers of sparkle and polish to the venues.

There's plenty to do.

"It's looking a bit industrial isn't it?" said Chris Allen, a Londoner who came to the edge of the park to have a look. "I am not seeing England's green fields. I do hope it's going to look better."

Shades of Athens, where chronic delays pushed workers to the brink to complete preparations in time for the games to start in 2004? Hardly, say London organizers who have prided themselves on finishing their massive construction project ahead of time and on budget. Things may look a bit messy now, they say, but all will be fine by the time the curtain goes up, on July 27, when the torch is lit.

"We're not at the stage yet where we're ready to flick the TV on," James Bulley, director of venues for organizing committee LOCOG, told The Associated Press. "The athletes aren't ready to start competing yet, either. We want all our venues to look absolutely spectacular and pristine.

"The venues are ready. We're now just doing the final setup for the games. We're in a good place. We're on track. There's nothing I'm worried about."

The last few weeks and days are all about putting up signs, fitting in the remaining seats and completing the landscaping.

"We will be mowing lawns right up to the opening ceremony," LOCOG chairman Sebastian Coe told the AP.

The last thing organizers need at this point is a crisis over readiness of the venues. At the moment, they're coping with the fallout from a bungled contract by private security group G4S that forced the government to call in about 3,500 additional troops—many just returned from tours of duty in Afghanistan—to fill the shortfall.

A walk through the 560-acre Olympic Park in east London this weekend, between yet another bout of rain showers, showed the scale of what remains to be done: a small army of workers, a sea of white tents, cranes, bulldozers, upturned tables and chairs, humming generators, television cables and rigging, a maze of fences.

Paul Gauger, who works for the tourism agency Visit Britain, surveyed a sad-looking wild flower patch near the aquatics center but took it in stride.

"This is all cosmetic stuff," he said. "Look! There are some flowers growing over there!"

Bulley said the venues, after the construction and fit-out phases, are now in their final "bump-in" period. Television networks from around the world are moving in and cabling the venues for their cameras. LOCOG's "look'" teams are completing the signage and color schemes. Sports equipment is being shipped in.

UAE starts up pipeline to bypass Strait of Hormuz

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—The United Arab Emirates on Sunday inaugurated a much-anticipated overland oil pipeline that bypasses the Strait of Hormuz, giving the OPEC member insurance against Iranian threats to block the strategic waterway.

The 380-kilometer (236-mile) Abu Dhabi Crude Oil Pipeline snakes across western desert dunes and over the craggy Hajar mountains to the city of Fujairah on the UAE's Indian Ocean coast, south of the strait.

Until now, all Emirati exports were loaded in the Gulf and then sailed out through Hormuz. Once it is running at full capacity, the pipeline could allow the country, OPEC's third biggest exporter, to ship as much as two-thirds of its peak production through the eastern port city.

It is designed to carry at least 1.5 million barrels a day of crude, though capacity is expected to eventually rise to 1.8 million barrels daily.

Efforts to bring the long-awaited export route online have gained increased urgency in recent months because of repeated threats by Iranian officials to close Hormuz if the country's own exports are blocked.

The narrow strait is patrolled by Iranian warships as well as by the U.S. Navy and its allies. It is the export route for about 17 million barrels of oil a day, or a fifth of the world's oil supply.

The chairman of Iran's Joint Chiefs of Staff said Sunday that Tehran has a contingency plan to close the key route, though any decision to shut it rests with the country's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Gen. Hasan Firouzabadi's comments come two weeks after the European Union enforced a total oil embargo against Iran. The move is part of a series of sanctions meant to force Tehran to halt its uranium enrichment program. The West suspects Iran is aiming to build nuclear weapons. Iran denies the charge.

Emirati officials quietly began filling the new pipeline with oil on June 30, according to the UAE embassy in Washington. A statement from the embassy said the project underscores the U.S. ally's "commitment to ensuring the reliable and safe delivery of crude oil ... to global markets."

Officials including the Emirates' energy minister gathered in Fujairah for the formal inauguration of the pipeline, said Mohammed Saif al-Afkham, the director general of Fujairah municipality.

The International Petroleum Investment Co., the state-run company behind the project, confirmed that the pipeline became operational with the first commercial shipment being loaded onto a tanker for export.

The U.S. ambassador to the UAE attended the inauguration, underscoring the project's strategic significance. Ambassador Michael H. Corbin called the launch "a historic step in establishing multiple routes for the vital flow of oil from the Arabian Peninsula."

Focus

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US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton toasts Vietnamese Minister of Foreign Affairs Pham Binh Minh during the ASEAN Gala Dinner at City Hall in Phnom Penh on Thursday July 12, 2012. The Obama administration pressed Beijing on Thursday to accept a code of conduct for resolving territorial disputes in the resource-rich South China Sea, a difficult U.S. mediation effort that has faced resistance from the communist government—although it has endeared the U.S. to once-hostile countries in Southeast Asia.

US tries to balance values and economies in Asia

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—The Obama administration now has a taste of the difficult diplomacy necessary to sharpen the focus of American power on Asia, seeking investment opportunities alongside reforms from rights-abusing governments and working with China while defending U.S. interests.

From democratic Mongolia to once-hostile Vietnam and long-isolated Laos, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton this week faced governments eager to embrace the United States as a strategic counterweight to China's expanding military and economic dominance of the region, while still lukewarm about American demands for greater democracy and rule of law.

And after meeting face-to-face with China's foreign minister Thursday as she began to wrap up a weeklong tour of Asia, Clinton lauded Washington's cooperation with Beijing even as she took up the case of several Southeast Asian nations threatened by the communist government's expansive claims over the resource-rich South China Sea.

In the discussions across the world's most populous continent, U.S. officials outlined their belief in greater democracy and freedom for Asian nations. The vision is part of a larger Obama administration effort to change the direction of U.S. diplomacy and commercial policy and redirect it to the place most likely to become the center of the global economy over the next century.

It is also a reaction to the region's slide toward undemocratic China as its economy has boomed and America's has struggled.

"As we've traveled across Asia, I've talked about the breadth of American engagement in this region, especially our work to strengthen economic ties and support democracy and human rights," Clinton told reporters Thursday. "This is all part of advancing our vision of an open, just and sustainable regional order for the Asia-Pacific."

Clinton will meet Friday with Myanmar's reformist President Thein Sein and introduce him to American business leaders looking for investment opportunities. The U.S. eased sanctions on the once reclusive military dictatorship this week, opening up new opportunities for the administration as it seeks to double American exports.

Still, Clinton said she would urgeThein Sein to do more. "Political prisoners remain in detention," she said. "Ongoing ethnic and sectarian violence continues to undermine progress toward national reconciliation, stability and lasting peace. And fundamental reforms are required to strengthen the rule of law and increase transparency."

The tour started in Japan, where Clinton assured a long-time ally the U.S. was committed to its security. From there, she visited four countries in China's backyard, part of a larger economic area among the world's most dynamic. Up to now, however, China has taken the most advantage.

In each place, Clinton was careful to make the case for American values alongside American business aspirations. It's unclear, however, if both messages were received.

In Ulan Bator, she credited Mongolia with liberalizing economically as well as politically, holding it up as a foil to the Chinese model of growth without freedom. And she offered deeper U.S. partnerships with communist governments in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, which have looked to Washington for fear of being swallowed up by China's expanding power.

But while two-way trade between Vietnam and the U.S. has soared by 40 percent in the last two years, there has been little improvement in the Vietnamese government's respect for dissidents. Laos may seek similar business relations with the U.S., but has yet to show any willingness to rectify its poor labor rights record.

What Washington doesn't want with these countries is what it has with Beijing, a partnership of unprecedented economic integration that stops when the discussion turns to human rights, democracy or sharing a vision for the world. It's a relationship that neither side appears able to change, both equally reliant on the other's goods and consumers, while mistrustful of the other's intentions.

"We are committed to working with China within a framework that fosters cooperation where interests align, and manages differences where they don't," Clinton said.

In probably her most difficult work of the week, Clinton pressed Beijing on Thursday to accept a code of conduct for resolving territorial disputes in the South China Sea, a U.S. mediation effort that has faced resistance from China..

Meeting on the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' annual gathering, Clinton stressed the different ways Washington and Beijing are cooperating, while Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi spoke of building even closer U.S.-Chinese ties.

Neither side mentioned the South China Sea while reporters were in the room. Afterward, according to U.S. officials, they got into the sensitive talk of the South China Sea, an issue that has caused grave concerns among China's neighbors and the wider world as tensions have threatened to boil over amid standoffs between Chinese and Philippine ships and competing Chinese and Vietnamese claims.

While China's claim over the entire area has driven countries closer to Washington, countless hours of talks between U.S. and Chinese officials haven't led to progress on a lasting solution. The waters host about a third of the world's cargo traffic, rich fishing grounds and vast oil and gas reserves—economic opportunities the U.S. would be locked out of if China were to seize total control.

Clinton, however, again framed it as a question of principles.

"The United States has no territorial claims there and we do not take sides in disputes about territorial or maritime boundaries," she told foreign ministers gathered in Cambodia's capital. "But we do have an interest in freedom of navigation, the maintenance of peace and stability, respect for international law and unimpeded lawful commerce in the South China Sea."

She singled out "confrontational behavior" in the disputed Scarborough Shoal off northwestern Philippines, including the denial of access to other vessels. The actions she cited were China's, though she didn't mention the offending country by name.

"We have seen worrisome instances of economic coercion and the problematic use of military and government vessels in connection with disputes among fishermen," she said. "There have been a variety of national measures taken that create friction and further complicate efforts to resolve disputes."

Despite publicly exhorting both China and Southeast Asian nations to diplomatically settle their disputes, a State Department release made no mention of the issue and instead spoke of Sino-American cooperation on everything from disaster relief to tiger protection. The issues were clearly secondary, but reflected an effort to compartmentalize any confrontation with Beijing and paint a larger picture of collaboration.

Flashpoint

Over the past few years, China has become more assertive in its claims to areas of the South China Sea, which is believed to be rich in oil and gas.

Behind the standoff

- **1947** China issues a map showing the islands within its territory (shown on map); Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei lay claim to territory within the nautical exclusion zone
- **2010-2011** two island chains, the Paracels and the Spratlys, and many atolls, sandbars and reefs are claimed in whole or in part by China and the four other countries
- **2012** Philippines and China contest sovereignty over a small group of rock formations known as Scarborough Shoal; agree to resolve an ongoing naval standoff diplomatically

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Overdrive

After years on 2 wheels, some riders shift to trikes

By RICK BARRETT
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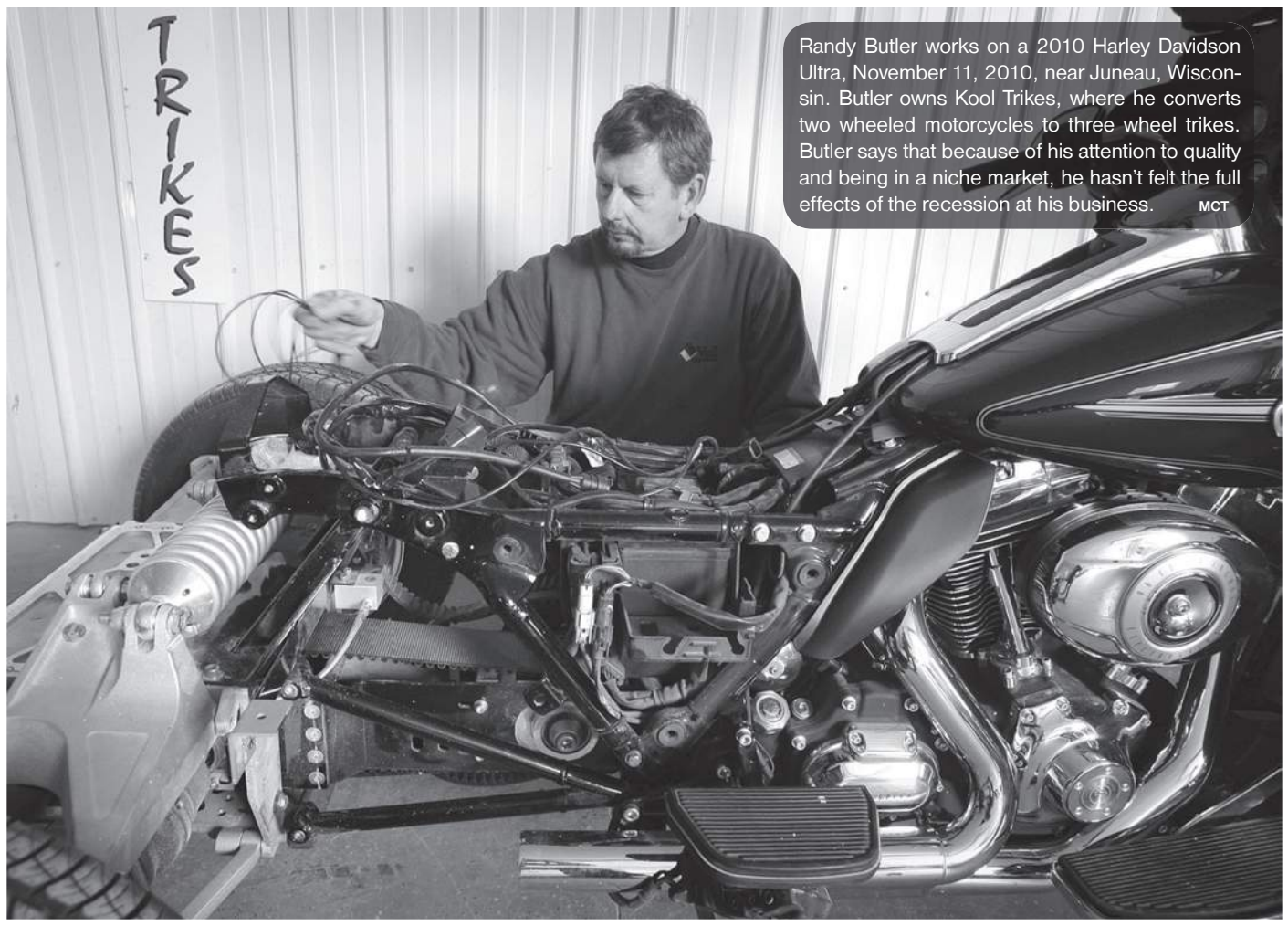

Randy Butler works on a 2010 Harley Davidson Ultra, November 11, 2010, near Juneau, Wisconsin. Butler owns Kool Trikes, where he converts two wheeled motorcycles to three wheel trikes. Butler says that because of his attention to quality and being in a niche market, he hasn't felt the full effects of the recession at his business. MCT

MILWAUKEE—As their knees give out and it gets harder to balance a motorcycle weighing hundreds of pounds, more aging bikers are turning to three-wheelers.

What's more, trikes have become popular with people who don't have balance issues but appreciate them for what they are—a practical and sometimes trendsetting alternative to a standard two-wheeler.

"It's a cool thing now because it's different," said Tom Dorcey, an events coordinator for Rob's Performance Motorsports, a Can-Am Spyder trike dealership in Johnson Creek, Wis.

Sleek and sporty, the Spyder is a three-wheeler from the makers of Ski-Doo snowmobiles that kind of looks like a snowmobile on wheels.

Dorcey, from Janesville, Wis., became a trike rider after he and his wife were in a motorcycle crash 11 years ago. A car pulled in front of them, and they hit it at 50 mph.

"After that, we never really felt comfortable on two wheels," Dorcey said.

Several manufacturers offer conversion kits that turn two-wheelers into trikes. A Wisconsin dealership, Kool Trikes, does conversions and is launching its own manufacturing system.

The company is working with a West Coast firm to sell hundreds of trikes through a network of about 125 dealerships.

"It's coming together," said Kool Trikes owner Randy Butler, adding that his business partner wants to sell 2,000 trikes a year within three years.

Butler raced cars and enjoyed motorcycles, yet balance issues mostly kept him off two wheels. As a trike rider, even if he has a vertigo spell that forces him to pull off the road, he won't tip over.

Modern three-wheelers gained credibility in 2008 when Harley-Davidson Inc. signed a deal with Lehman Trikes USA for Lehman to build Harley's Tri-Glide motorcycles.

Now the Tri-Glides are manufactured at Harley's plant in York, Pa.

Lehman, based in Spearfish, S.D., suspended operations this spring after company founder John Lehman died in January.

This month, the company was sold to California-based Champion Trikes for an undisclosed sum.

Champion President Craig Arrojo said Lehman Trikes will now operate as a private company, and the Spearfish location will employ about 50 people when it's back in production.

Arrojo said he expects the first trike to roll off the assembly line in less than three months.

Lehman Trikes has a loyal following, according to Butler, who plans to produce 500 trikes in 2013 with his new system, which uses local metal and fiberglass-fabrication shops for some of the work.

"There are always struggles when you attempt to do something like this, but it's kind of rewarding when I can put together 15 kits at a time," Butler said.

There's a three-month waiting period for one popular trike conversion kit, because they're not made in large numbers.

Rob's Performance Motorsports said it has sold 20 percent more Spyders this year than it sold in all of 2011.

More baby boomers are switching to three-wheeled motorcycles because they are easier to control in stop-and-go traffic when balance becomes an issue. Women also are attracted to three-wheelers because they don't have to worry about balancing a heavy bike.

The Spyder has anti-lock brakes and other safety features. With two wheels in the front and one in the back, it's a stable platform for riding even on slick, wet pavement. In Wisconsin, that can extend the riding season in the spring and fall.

Some Spyders have a finger-operated electronic transmission for riders who don't want to use a clutch. Other amenities include heated handgrips and a heated seat.

The Spyder is popular with wheelchair users. It's amazing the number of trikes you see with wheelchairs strapped to them, Dorcey said.

More riders are customizing Spyders to give them a futuristic look, like something from the movie Batman, and still maintain the stability and comfort.

Automakers get serious about self-driving cars

By CHRIS WOODYARD
USA TODAY

Once the stuff of science fiction and cartoons, automakers are racing to be first with vehicles that drive themselves.

While the first systems won't be that ambitious—don't expect to work crossword puzzles while lounging Jetsons-style behind the wheel—they point to future cars that will make driving easier and actively avoid accidents.

The latest to disclose plans is Ford Motor, which is developing a feature for heavy traffic jams that would let the car keep up with traffic and stay in its lane. For now, Ford will only say that "Traffic Jam Assist" will be available in the "mid term," meaning at least five years away.

Audi, which had a TTS sports car drive itself up Pikes Peak in 2010, says self-driving is no longer fantasy. "Our piloted-driving technology is shifting from a purely research phase into actual pre-production planning," spokesman Brad Stertz says.

Automakers have demonstrated for years cars that can electronically talk to each other to avoid accidents, but the surge of interest in self-driving cars comes as Google has been successfully showing off a self-driving Prius. A driver is still on board, but Google's car can pretty much take care of itself.

Most automakers are more down to earth in their self-driving initiatives, building on and combining systems already in today's cars, such as adaptive cruise control. Among them:

■ **Cadillac.** General Motors' luxury division plans a feature called "Super Cruise" that would allow a vehicle to steer, brake and keep itself in a lane at highway speeds. Cadillac spokesman David Caldwell says it could be ready by the end of the decade.

■ **Audi.** Volkswagen's luxury unit is developing "Traffic Jam Assistant" that could take over driving at up to 37 miles per hour. It scans up to 820 feet ahead and monitors surrounding vehicles to keep the car in the lane and accelerate or brake. Audi says it works even when there are no lane markings.

■ **Mercedes-Benz.** The German luxury brand showed "Advanced Driving Assist" in its F125 concept car last year, but has not confirmed plans for the features in production vehicles. It is "able to carry out frequently occurring driving maneuvers autonomously," Mercedes said in a statement, including lane changes and overtaking slower vehicles.

Ford says it's serious about its self-driving system. "We see these as automated-assist technologies that can help reduce a driver's stress and add a new level of safety to their time behind the wheel," spokesman Alan Hall says. "We view automation as one of the solutions to help with the potential of reducing traffic congestion."

UNDER THE HOOD

Dangerous problem needs to be fixed

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
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Question: I have a 2000 Mazda B2500 truck with standard 5-speed transmission. I have a throttle control or stuck accelerator problem. I normally shift at 2000-2200 RPM. When up shifting, the accelerator sticks. That is, after depressing the clutch and taking my foot off the accelerator pedal, the engine RPMs do not drop, but rises. When I depress the clutch and put the car into neutral before coming to a stop, the engine RPMs could rise to 3000+ before dropping to idle speed. At times when cruising at a steady speed, I could take my foot off the accelerator and the car will maintain its speed. The local mechanic replaced the Idle Air Control valve (IAC) but the problem persists. Any ideas?

Answer: There are several possible reasons for an engine to increase in or hold speed on its own, and this needs to be fixed now, for obvious safety reasons. During an episode of inappropriately high idle speed (ease to a stop without touching the throttle?), I'd check the cable linkage at the throttle for mechanical binding that's preventing the throttle from fully closing. Binding could be caused by a flawed throttle or cruise control cable, incorrect cable adjustment, or pedal mechanism interference. Next, during a high RPM episode, try tapping on the IAC (idle air control) valve with a blunt tool such as a screwdriver handle. If RPM drops, the IAC is sticking. If there's no change in speed unplug the two wire connector attached to the IAC. If engine speed falls dramatically, this indicates the IAC is the henchman, but not the root cause of the problem.

An IAC is an electrically operated valve that allows air to sneak around the closed throttle, and is found next to the throttle valve on the engine. This gadget is necessary for cold fast idle and maintenance of the specified idle speed during a variety of accessory load conditions. Yours is an easy one to understand and check; when its turned on fully, you have very fast idle, off results in very slow idle speed, and a varying electrical pulse can provide a variety of speeds in between. IACs are controlled by the engine control computer, based on a handful of sensor inputs and programmed operating strategy. They sometimes become sticky and erratic due to gummy carbon buildup.

If the IAC is found to be the cause of the fast idle, a scan tool check of engine data will determine if the IAC is being told to go fast- by mistake, or perhaps is sticking in a fast position regardless of commands. Incorrect IAC commands may be caused by erroneous information from the engine coolant temperature sensor, power steering pressure sensor, clutch or transmission range switch, or the air conditioning request switch. At normal idle speed, a typical IAC command is approximately 15-20% (on). A higher percentage indicates a faster than normal command.

Based on the severity of your symptoms, it sure sounds like a sticky IAC valve. New parts aren't always good parts! If the high engine speed should only occur while the truck is moving, looking at scan tool commands will be the only way to assess the IAC—tapping on it would be difficult!

Life & Style

French party to sue Madonna over swastika image

PARIS (AP)—France's far-right National Front said Sunday that it plans to sue Madonna after the singer showed a video at a Paris concert that contained an image of the party's leader with a swastika on her forehead.

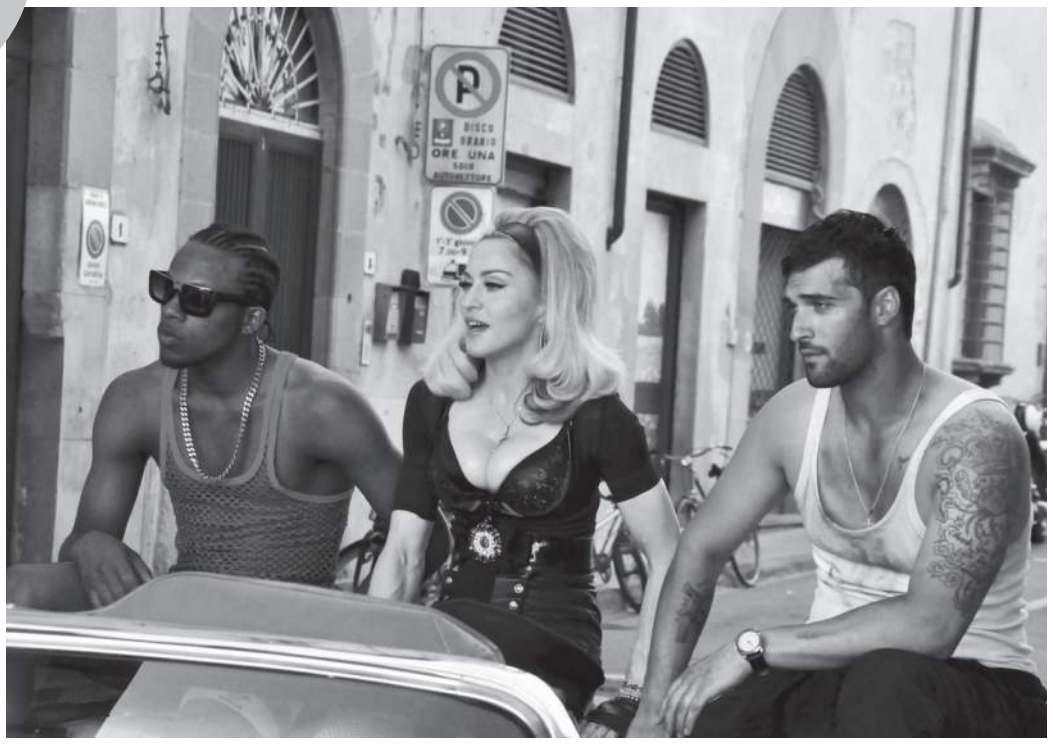
The video has been shown at other concerts on the singer's tour, and the party has expressed its outrage before, warning that it would take action if the video were shown in France. On Saturday night, Madonna played it at the Stade de France.

National Front spokesman Alain Vizier said Sunday that the party would file a complaint in French court next week for "insults."

Party leader Marine Le Pen is briefly pictured in the video during a montage in which famous faces—or parts of faces—morph one into the next. Soon after Le Pen's face flashes up, Madonna's face follows with Hitler's mustache.

Le Pen, who inherited control of the party from her father, Jean-Marie, has tried to shed the National Front's image as racist and anti-Semitic, especially during her recent failed bid for president. But she has maintained a hard line on immigrants, saying France has too many and criticizing many Muslims, in particular, for insufficiently assimilating into French culture.

Meanwhile, anti-racism group SOS Racisme expressed its support for Madonna on Sunday, commending her for her "resolutely anti-racist and feminist discourse."



AP

This undated image released by Guy Oseary shows pop star Madonna, center, during the filming of her music video for her new single, "Turn Up The Radio," in Florence, Italy.

Aging anti-war sculpture prompts explosive debate

By JOHN ROGERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MONICA, California (AP)—For decades the big, black mass of chain link that's piled up outside Santa Monica's Civic Center has alternately awed and inspired, annoyed and confounded, and, perhaps most often, simply divided residents of this otherwise famously tolerant California beach town.

Nearly three stories high and shaped like an atomic bomb's giant mushroom cloud, "Chain Reaction" was sculpted out of copper, fiberglass and stainless steel as an enduring artistic statement against nuclear war. Its creator, the brilliant Los Angeles Times political cartoonist Paul Conrad, gave it to the city as a gift in 1991, and it has remained there, four blocks from the Pacific Ocean, ever since.

During that time, everyone from passing schoolchildren to inebriated rock concert patrons leaving the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium have climbed all over it. Others have mistaken it for a seal balancing a ball on its nose or the representation of a big tree. Armchair art critics have argued relentlessly over whether it's a work for the ages or just a meaningless hunk of junk.

Whatever it is, city officials say one thing has become certain: After 21 years of people climbing over it and salt air from the ocean eating away at it, "Chain Reaction" is in danger of falling down.

The city's planning staff, estimating it could cost as much as $400,000 to fix, recently recommended that if proponents of the work can't raise that money by November the city should simply get rid of it. In the meantime, they've put a fence around it (chain link of course) to protect the public.

Their proposal, however, has set off a chain reaction of its own across this 8.3-square-mile (21.5-square-kilometer) coastal city, with people from seashore bars to City Hall arguing over what to do.

"For many people it is an incredibly important symbol, an icon of Santa Monica," said Jessica Cusick, the city's cultural affairs manager. "For others, it's junk and an eyesore."

Highlighting that divide, the city's Landmarks Commission voted unanimously earlier this week to declare "Chain Reaction" a local historical monument. The move came just four months after the city's Arts Commission voted in favor of dumping it.

The new designation won't necessarily save it from being hauled away if it can't be made safe, Cusick said.

The work, made from huge links of chain big enough to secure a ship's anchor, has developed noticeable cracks over the years. Some of the links have also begun to come loose and are teetering precariously.

The problem, Cusick said, is that although it has a stainless steel frame, the work is mainly supported by fiberglass, which is deteriorating.

"The materials that it was made out of were never designed for this use," she said, adding that while fiberglass is fine for a museum piece, a sturdier material like bronze should have been used for an outdoor work.

The City Council, which has the final word on the sculpture's future, will take up the issue in November.

So far supporters have raised only about $2,500, but Conrad's son, David Conrad, said he expects that to pick up now that the piece is a recognized historical landmark.

"It shows the gravity of this work and what a really cool thing it is," he said.

Not everyone agrees.

"It's hardly historical," laughed lifetime resident James Taylor, noting that at age 55 he's been a part of Santa Monica almost three times as long as "Chain Reaction."

"When it first came out my initial reaction was, 'This is certainly—well—odd,'" Taylor, waiting at a bus stop just down the street from the sculpture, said as he rubbed his head and searched for the right word to describe it.

Around the corner, at the Vidiots video store, co-owner Patty Polinger is a huge fan of the sculpture, although she admits the first time she saw it her reaction was, "What is that?"

Since then she's researched its history, come to embrace it as a great example of public art and even hosted a recent documentary screening in an effort to save it. The film, "Paul Conrad: Drawing Fire," examines the life of the longtime cartoonist for the Los Angeles Times and Denver Post, who won three Pulitzer Prizes for work that skewered every major political figure of his era.

She acknowledges, however, that not everyone in the store shares her enthusiasm for the sculpting abilities of Conrad, who died in 2010 at age 86.

"One of our employees, who shall remain nameless, thinks it's ugly," she said with a smile.

From Day One, the work has evoked sometimes heated debate.

The City Council only narrowly voted 4-3 to accept Conrad's gift, which former Mayor Dennis Zane described at the time as an ugly non sequitur.

Before the vote, the public was asked to weigh in and responded 730-392 against accepting the work. The result was ignored amid concerns that Conrad critics had stuffed the ballot box.

"As was typical of my father, he had people that hated him," his son recalled with a laugh earlier this week.

Indeed, the unabashedly liberal artist's cartoons enraged many, among them the late Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty, who once sued Conrad, unsuccessfully, for a cartoon that implied he was a lunatic. President Richard Nixon famously put Conrad on his "enemies list" and Frank Sinatra once denounced him for making fun of President Ronald Reagan.

In arguing against keeping "Chain Reaction," Santa Monica's planning staff didn't question Conrad's greatness as a cartoonist, but said there was little evidence to show he was much of a sculptor.

That simply isn't true, said his son, who noted his father created numerous bronze works of historical figures, including Martin Luther King Jr., Robert F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln. Many were done in a serious style, although Conrad portrayed Reagan as Robin Hood, maintaining he robbed from the poor and gave to the rich.

"He also did a fair amount of public art," said David Conrad, adding his father's work graces churches in Southern California, as well as the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

As for what his father would think of all the hoopla "Chain Reaction" has kicked up again, Conrad thinks he'd enjoy it.

"He sure loved stirring things up."

AP

File photo shows "Chain Reaction," a sculpture by Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad, in Santa Monica, Calif. After years of erosion by the ocean's salt air, "Chain Reaction" is not in danger of exploding but of falling down. With repairs estimated to cost $300,000, city officials say the work by the late Conrad is a work of art that Santa Monica can no longer afford.

Tarantino unchains bloody 'Django' at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Quentin Tarantino is redefining race relations in the pre-Civil War South with "Django Unchained," his Western-style saga that he previewed at the Comic-Con fan convention.

Tarantino said Saturday that he has been wanting to do a Western for ages and that the idea for "Django Unchained" first came to him 13 years ago.

"That first initial thing 13 years ago was a slave who becomes a bounty hunter and hunts white men before the Civil War," Tarantino said during a panel alongside much of his cast, including Jamie Foxx in the title role, Kerry Washington, Don Johnson and Christoph Waltz, who won the supporting-actor Academy Award for the filmmaker's World War II reimagining, "Inglourious Basterds."

"Django Unchained" stars Foxx as a man on a mission of vengeance as he tries to rescue his wife (Washington). Waltz plays a dentist-turned-gunslinger who takes Django under his wing as they take on the owner of a plantation (Leonardo DiCaprio) where slaves are trained for bloody sport. Samuel L. Jackson, a standout in Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction," co-stars as DiCaprio's trusted house slave.

Tarantino showed about eight minutes of footage, featuring scenes of Foxx being freed by Waltz from a chain gang and the two partnering up to hunt down nasty Southern overseers.

It promises to be a typically bloody Tarantino action tale, with Foxx and Waltz raining bullets on bad guys. Tarantino imagined that Foxx and Washington's characters were the forebears of a 20th century bad-ass, saying he thought of them as the great-great-great-great grandparents of John Shaft, Richard Roundtree's hip, take-no-prisoners private eye in 1971's "Shaft."

Foxx, an Oscar winner for the Ray Charles biography "Ray," said he drew on his own experiences growing up in Texas, where he had to deal with prejudice and racial epithets. But he had to dig much deeper to get into the head space of Django.

"QT at the beginning of this process, he pulls me to the side, and he said to me, `I'm worried that you can't get to that slave,'" Foxx said. "What he was saying was, you live your life as Jamie Foxx. You live your life as this celebrity. How do you now strip that away and how do you now get to that slave? He said, `Throw that out of the door right now. Strip yourself all the way down and start all over again.'"

"Django Unchained" debuts in theaters this December.

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Ray Romano, John Leguizamo
Children's/family • Rated PG

Synopsis

The Ice Age franchise continues with this 3D entry in the highly successful series. Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Queen Latifah, Denis Leary, Seann William Scott, and Josh Peck reprise their roles, with Jeremy Renner, Jennifer Lopez, and Aziz Ansari heading up the rest of the voice cast.

Savages

Friday and Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:50
Sunday thru Thursday	1:00	4:00	7:00	

Taylor Kitsch, Salma Hayek
Crime • Rated R

Synopsis

A pair of West Coast weed dealers get tangled up in a Mexican cartel's drug business after they kidnap their friend in this Universal Pictures production. Oliver Stone directs from a script he wrote with Shane Salerno and Don Winslow, whose novel the film is based on.

Katy Perry: Part of Me

Friday and Saturday	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday thru Thursday	4:05	7:05	

Katy Perry
Musical • Rated PG

The Amazing Spider-Man

Friday and Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:55
Sunday thru Thursday	1:10	4:10	7:10	

Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone
Action, Fantasy, Drama • Rated PG 13

Magic Mike

Friday and Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:45
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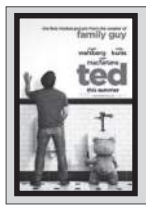
Channing Tatum, Alex Pettyfer
Comedy, Drama • Rated R



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Sunday thru Thursday	1:25	4:25	7:25	

Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis
Comedy • Rated R

Brave

Friday and Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	10:00
Sunday thru Thursday	1:30	4:30	7:30	

Kelly MacDonald, Emma Thompson
Children's/family • Rated PG

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted

Friday and Saturday	1:05
Sunday thru Thursday	1:05

Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer
Children's/family • Rated PG

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Springsteen, McCartney silenced by London curfew

LONDON (AP)—Concert organizers pulled the plug on rock stars Bruce Springsteen and Paul McCartney after the pair defied the sound curfew at London's Hyde Park, silencing their microphones at the tail end of the show.

Springsteen had already exceeded the 10:30 p.m. curfew by half an hour Saturday night when he welcomed McCartney on stage and the pair sang the Beatles hits "I Saw Her Standing There" and "Twist and Shout." But the microphones were turned off before they could thank the crowd, forcing them to leave the stage in silence.

A statement from concert organizer Live Nation said it was unfortunate that Springsteen's three-hour-plus performance was stopped "right at the very end," but it said that the curfew had been laid down by the authorities "in the interest of the public's health and safety."

Huge concerts in Hyde Park, a 350-acre (140-hectare) expanse of landscaped garden and parkland that abuts some of London's wealthiest neighborhoods, have increasingly caused friction between fans and the area's well-heeled residents, many of whom gripe about the late-night noise and nuisance.

With complaints on the rise, local officials have decided that as of next year, the number of concerts will be slashed from 13 to nine. Also in 2013, they plan to reduce crowd limits from 80,000 to 65,000.

Steven Van Zandt, who plays guitar in Springsteen's E-Street Band, criticized Saturday's decision as heavy-handed.

"English cops may be the only individuals left on earth that wouldn't want to hear one more from Bruce Springsteen and Paul McCartney!" he wrote on Twitter. "On a Saturday night! Who were we disturbing?" Finally he added: "There's no grudges to be held. Just feel bad for our great fans. ... It's some City Council stupid rule."

London's flamboyant mayor, Boris Johnson, said Sunday that the singers should have been allowed to keep going.

"It sounds to me like an excessively efficacious decision," he told London radio. "You won't get that during the Olympics. If they'd have called me, my answer would have been for them to jam in the name of the Lord!"

Del Toro offers 'Pacific Rim' glimpse at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Guillermo Del Toro is going really big with his next film.

The creator of "Pan's Labyrinth" and the "Hellboy" movies came to Comic-Con on Saturday to give fans a taste of his science-fiction showdown "Pacific Rim."

Due in theaters July 12, 2013, "Pacific Rim" is a clash of the titans as humans pilot colossal robots to battle gargantuan sea monsters.

Charlie Hunnam plays a washed-up ex-pilot and Rinko Kikuchi is a raw trainee who are teamed up in an antiquated robot to make a last stand against the ocean beasts. The cast also includes Idris Elba, Charlie Day and Del Toro's "Hellboy" star, Ron Perlman.

Del Toro screened a few minutes that featured epic smackdowns between the 25-story machines and creatures.

The Mexican filmmaker told fans that he wanted to do more than show monsters and robots duking it out, aiming to fill the conflict with emotional, operatic battles.

"A movie like this, it's easy to forget how unique you can make it, and I didn't want to forget," Del Toro said. "I wanted to make the movie not a war movie but an adventure movie."

Hunnam, best known for the biker TV show "Sons of Anarchy," said he signed on for "Pacific Rim" without even seeing a script.

"There are probably two filmmakers in the world, Guillermo being one of them, that I would take that leap of faith with," Hunnam said.

Del Toro said that after previewing footage at Comic-Con, he and his colleagues were going into "radio silence" about "Pacific Rim" until the end of the year to keep details under wraps.

"This is for you, totally for you, and those (expletive) who have the James Bond cameras in their glasses, don't use them," Del Toro told the crowd of fans.

While Batman lurks, fourth 'Ice Age' tops box office

AP

This image released by 20th Century Fox shows characters, from left, Manny, voiced by Ray Romano, Diego, voiced by Denis Leary, Sid, voiced byJohn Leguizamo, Granny, voiced by Wanda Sykes and Shira, voiced by Jennifer Lopez in a scene from the animated film, "Ice Age: Continental Drift."

NEW YORK (AP)—With Batman lurking, the prehistoric critters of "Ice Age: Continental Drift" ran off with the box office, earning $46 million in their opening weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The animated film from 20th Century Fox is the fourth in the "Ice Age" series and the first in 3-D. The North America performance of "Continental Drift" was on par with previous "Ice Age" movies but well below the opening weekend of the second installment, "The Meltdown," which opened with $68 million in 2006.

There has now been a decade of "Ice Age" films, allowing the characters voiced by Ray Romano, Queen Latifah and John Leguizamo to become increasingly familiar to audiences, particularly international ones. The film had already done robust overseas business ahead of opening in the U.S. This weekend it earned $95 million internationally, bringing its overseas total to $339 million.

"Scrat rules the world," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for Fox, referring to the films' rat-squirrel mascot, whose wordless, futile pursuit of a nut is a mainstay of the movies.

The "Ice Age" franchise has now surpassed $2.2 billion worldwide, and the studio expects "Continental Drift" to equal the global total of the last installment, 2009's "Dawn of the Dinosaurs," which took in $886.7 million.

"There's really not very many animated franchises that have had three sequels," said Aronson. "The performance of `Ice Age' has been remarkably consistent."

The weekend was inevitably shadowed by two superheroes, coming a week after the debut of Sony's Spider-Man reboot, "The Amazing Spider-Man," and one week before the highly-anticipated Batman sequel, "The Dark Knight Rises."

In its second week of release, "Spider-Man" earned $35 million, pushing it past $200 million domestically. It earned nearly $67 million overseas over the weekend, bringing its worldwide gross to $521.4 million.

Seth MacFarlane's R-rated comedy hit, "Ted," which stars Mark Wahlberg and a talking teddy bear, added $22.1 million in its third week for a total of $159 million for Universal Pictures.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday:

1. **"Ice Age: Continental Drift,"** $46 million ($95 million internationally)
2. **"The Amazing Spider-Man,"** $35 million ($66.6 million internationally).
3. **"Ted,"** $22.1 million, ($9.7 million internationally).
4. **"Brave,"** $10.7 million, ($6.5 million internationally).
5. **"Magic Mike,"** $9 million, ($3.3 million internationally).
6. **"Savages,"** $8.7 million, ($1 million internationally).
7. **"Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection,"** $5.6 million.
8. **"Katy Perry: Part of Me,"** $3.7 million, ($1 million internationally).
9. **"Moonrise Kingdom,"** $3.7 million, ($270,000 internationally).
10. **"Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted,"** $3.5 million ($4.6 million internationally).

Nolan delayed 'Dark Knight Rises' for Cotillard

NEW YORK (AP)—It's possible French actress Marion Cotillard could have been replaced as a love interest for Christian Bale's Batman in the movie, "The Dark Knight Rises"

That's because she was due with her first child, a son named Marcel, around the beginning of filming for the third installment in the franchise.

Director Christopher Nolan tells the August issue of Vogue magazine he wanted to "figure it out."

Most of her scenes were pushed back a month and Nolan made room on set for Cotillard's family.

Still, he marveled at the Academy Award winner's ability to do her job so soon after giving birth, calling it "amazing to see" and describing her as "Superwoman."

Nolan and Cotillard also worked together on the 2010 film "Inception."

The August issue of Vogue magazine hits stores July 24.

This cover image provided by Vogue shows the August 2012 issue of "Vogue," featuring French actress Marion Cotillard that will be available on newsstands on July 24. AP

'Fringe' cast bids tearful goodbye to Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—There were no doppelgangers at the final panel for "Fringe" at Comic-Con, but there were plenty of tears.

"Fringe" stars Jasika Nicole, Anna Torv and Lance Reddick cried while reminiscing about their favorite scenes at the pop-culture convention Sunday.

The upcoming fifth season of "Fringe" will be the last for the supernatural Fox series.

The panel kicked off with a trailer for the final season that was filmed last season and served as a sales pitch to garner the ratings-challenged weird science series a final bow.

The new season will jump ahead to the year 2036 when the mysterious Observers have taken over the world. "Fringe" executive producer J.H. Wyman teased fans that the reason there are no female Observers would "become apparent this year."

Daredevil dancers perform at London landmarks

LONDON (AP)—Daredevil dancers have sky-walked, bungee-jumped, and tumbled across some of the British capital's best-known landmarks ahead of the Olympic Games.

The performance—called "Surprises: Streb"—saw red-suited acrobats bounce up and down like yo-yos from London's futuristic Millennium Bridge, while others walked across the roof of London's glass-domed city hall.

At the 17th-century stone column known as The Monument, performers spun around in what appeared to be a giant hamster wheel.

And at Trafalgar Square, a group of dancers wowed tourists with delicate maneuvers on a gently rotating ladder.

Sunday's eye-catching series of events is part of London's Cultural Olympiad, a celebration of film, music, theater and other art which is coinciding with the games due to begin July 27.

AP

Extreme dancers perform, hanging from the Millennium Bridge in London during London 2012 Olympic Festival, Sunday, July 15, 2012.

'Game of Thrones' additions rouse Comic-Con fans

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Diana Rigg was crowned a queen at Comic-Con—and she wasn't even there.

The 73-year-old actress and several others were revealed Friday as joining the cast of HBO's "Game of Thrones" for the fantasy series' upcoming third season. The former star of "The Avengers" will play Olenna Tyrell, also known as the Queen of Thorns.

Other additions include Mackenzie Crook as wildling raider Orell, Clive Russell as Bryndon "Blackfish" Tully, Nathalie Emannuel as slave translator Missandei, Paul Kaye as Thoros of Myr, Kerry Ingram as Shireen Baratheon and Tara Fitzgerald as her mother, Selyse.

The new cast members were not on hand at the show's presentation at the pop-culture convention. Instead, a video of interviews with the new cast members was shown and fans asked questions of actors Richard Madden, Michelle Fairley, Alfie Allen, Emilia Clarke, Rose Leslie, producer Carolyn Straus and George R.R. Martin, the author of the book series that "Game of Thrones" is based on.

"It's not a simple world of heroes and villains," said Allen. "The characters have flaws."

Other than revealing the new cast members, no information about the next season was spilled, except that it was filming in Ireland, Croatia, Iceland and Morocco.

The next season of "Game of Thrones" will premiere March 31, 2013.

AP

In this publicity photo provided by HBO, Lena Headey as Cersei Lannister, left, and Peter Dinklage as Tyrion Lannister, are shown in a scene from HBO's "Game of Thrones," Season 2, in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Neighbors must band together to confront troublesome family

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: In our condominium complex, there is one family who are disrespectful to everyone. "Sasha" allows her 11-year-old son, "Travis," to damage people's property, lie, steal, harass neighbors, make threats and make a lot of noise. The police have been called many times. I have been told Sasha has physically attacked at least two women here, and some residents say her former husband warned them that she is violent.

When neighbors—including me—approached Sasha, she said her son is only "having fun" and she accused us of being racist. We feel she is using race to deflect from her poor behavior.

We believe the condo association or management company is either weak or afraid to do anything about this. The situation is unbearable. Her son harasses senior citizens here, too. Please advise us, but do not reveal my name or location because I am afraid of retaliation.

BEGGING FOR HELP

DEAR BEGGING: No one should have to live under such intimidating and potentially violent circumstances. Because you have been warned about Sasha's behavior, do not confront her yourself.

Speak to the condo association board and or/management company, tell them the conditions you are living under are intolerable, and that they MUST speak to the woman about her and her son's behavior. There is strength in numbers, so go as a group to the next homeowner's meeting, or sign a petition to show that you are all serious. If you own the condo, you have the ability to vote the members of the board out of office and elect officers who will take responsibility for improving your living conditions.

Resolving this may involve the help of an attorney. And because the police are already aware of this family's history, you may be able to get a restraining order.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been living with "Daryl" for more than three years. I am 25; Daryl is 27. He seemed very committed and affectionate, and he's hardworking and well-educated, so I thought we had everything.

He promised me seven months ago that we would get engaged. We looked at rings together, and he told me I should leave the rest to him.

Because it has been seven months and I still don't have a ring, I confronted him. Now he says that he "isn't ready," and he isn't even sure I'm the woman he is going to marry! He says he "thinks" I am, but he doesn't want to make any promises. He also says he loves me and doesn't want me to move out or break up with him. He is willing to set up a spare bedroom for himself so we can have our space.

Abby, I feel betrayed. I was waiting for the ring and now it isn't coming. Should I move out?

RINGLESS IN BRIGHTON, MASS.

DEAR RINGLESS: Yes. The ring isn't what's important, but what the ring symbolizes is. If after three years of living together your boyfriend still isn't able to decide whether you're the woman he's going to marry, it appears that he's not as committed as you thought.

If marriage is what you want, the time has indeed come to move out. It is also time to move on with your life.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

BUGS FLY IN SUCH CRAZY LOOPS AND ZIGZAGS. I WONDER WHY THEY DON'T GET DIZZY AND BARF.
MAYBE THEY DO!
EWW, GROSS! HA HA HA! BUT THEN WHY WOULD THEY KEEP FLYING THAT WAY?
MAYBE BUGS LIKE TO BARF!
EWWWW! THEY WOULD!" HA HA HA HA! BLAUGH!
I TELL YOU, HOBBES, IT'S GREAT TO HAVE A FRIEND WHO APPRECIATES AN EARNEST DISCUSSION OF IDEAS.

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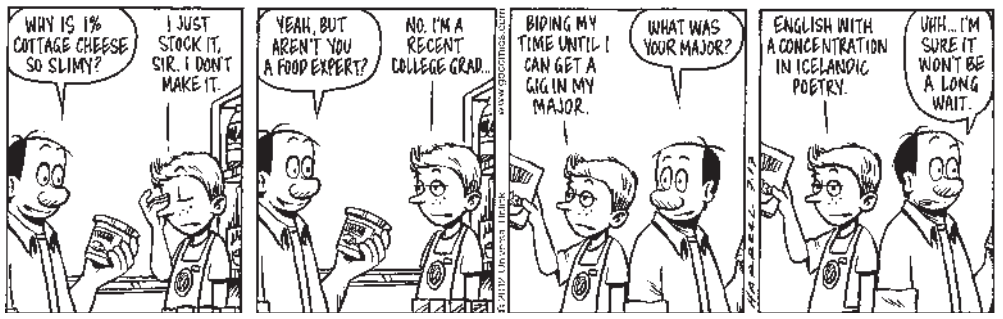
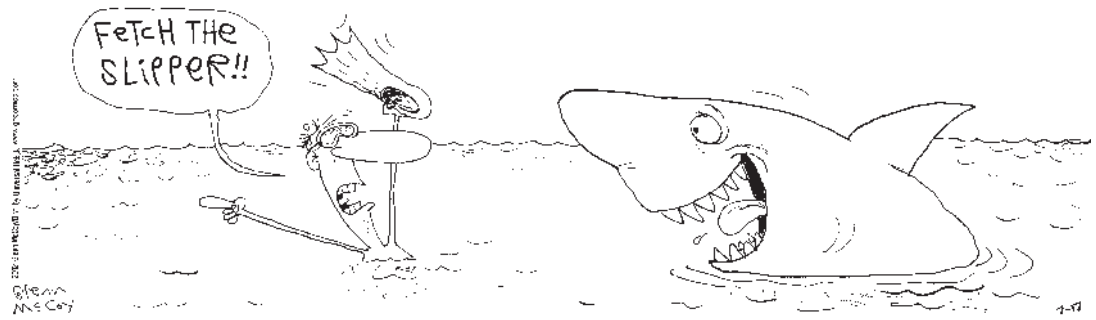

WHY IS 1% COTTAGE CHEESE SO SLIMY?
I JUST STOCK IT, SIR. I DON'T MAKE IT.
YEAH, BUT AREN'T YOU A FOOD EXPERT?
NO. I'M A RECENT COLLEGE GRAD...
BIDING MY TIME UNTIL I CAN GET A GIG IN MY MAJOR.
WHAT WAS YOUR MAJOR?
ENGLISH WITH A CONCENTRATION IN ICELANDIC POETRY.
UHH... I'M SURE IT WON'T BE A LONG WAIT.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Stylish
5 Dawber or Grier
8 Elevator name
12 Mimicking bird
13 "— Town"
14 Teaspoonful, maybe
15 Eccentric types
17 Apportion (out)
18 Ultra-modernist
19 Scoundrel
20 Following
21 Blunder
22 Slapstick missile
23 Martini garnish
26 Break ranks
30 Rid of rind
31 Half a dozen
32 Whip
33 Actor Tracy
35 Hungarian sweet wine
36 Boxer Schmeling
37 Carpentry tool
38 Breakfast meat
41 Atmosphere
42 "— -Tiki"
45 Neural transmitter
46 Twilight time
48 Rickey flavor
49 Mutt
50 Fill the hold
51 Catch sight of
52 Have bills
53 Saucy

DOWN
1 "Aw, be a sport!"
2 Jekyll's bad side
3 — -European
4 Taxi
5 On top of the world?
6 "— Lang Syne"
7 Smith, Paul or Butterworth
8 Member of a fraternal order
9 Gridlock sound
10 Capri, e.g.
11 Crystal gazer
16 Farm fraction
20 Have a bug
21 50-50 bet
22 Peace (Lat.)
23 Chances, for short
24 Once around
25 Rage
26 Evergreen type
27 Erstwhile acorn
28 N.A. portion
29 Your
31 Driver's license datum
34 Have the skills
35 Mountain lake
37 Prolonged attack
38 Hay bundle
39 Center of symmetry
40 Freebie
41 Acknowledge
42 Prop for Ben Franklin
43 Smell
44 Salamander
46 Tokyo's old name
47 Recipe meas.

Solution time: 21 mins.

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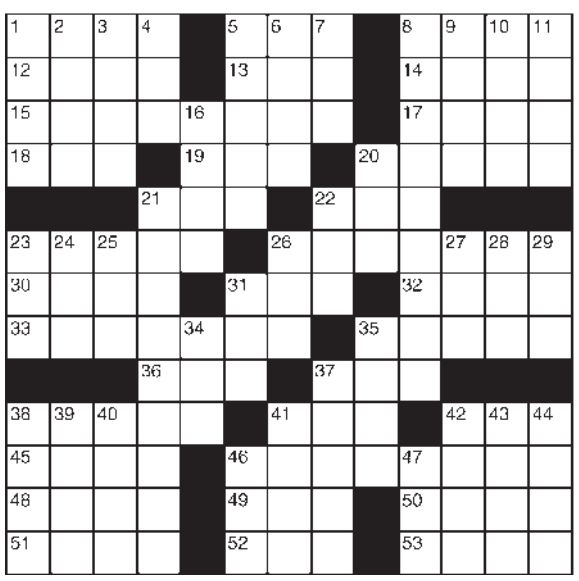
Yesterday's answer 7-17



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alex Winter, 47; David Hasselhoff, 60; Diahann Carroll, 77; Donald Sutherland, 77.

Happy Birthday: Do whatever it takes to stabilize your environment. Aim for a state of calm. Less stress and fewer arguments should be your goal. Accept the inevitable changes going on around you so you can begin to rebuild to better suit your state of mind, your goals and your needs. Your numbers are 5, 12, 20, 23, 36, 42, 49.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Stay on top of the demands being made by those you feel responsible for, but don't jeopardize your emotional well-being in the process. Modesty and generosity are required if you want to come out a winner and maintain your popularity. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Discussions will help you resolve an issue you have with a friend, relative or neighbor. A trip will bring about unexpected and perhaps unwanted changes. Be careful what you wish for. Overindulgence in any aspect of life is your enemy. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take charge and you will grab the attention of someone who can offer a different opinion or outlook on something that concerns you. Activities that challenge you physically will ease your stress and lead to friendships. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Your reluctance to be an instigator will be your downfall. You must take control if you want things to head in the direction you favor. A passionate approach to whatever you do will help bring about the change needed. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Steps taken to ensure you aren't being taken advantage of will lead to a healthy financial situation. Collect or pay back debts to make it easier to pursue your next venture. Adjusting your assets or sizing down will help. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Work quietly behind the scenes until you have something worth presenting. Giving away your ideas will lead to someone else's advancement. Steer clear of anyone you feel is unpredictable or likely to cost you financially or emotionally. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Charm your way to the top of any group you encounter. Stick to the facts and enlist friends who have something to contribute to your latest pursuit. A twist of fate will push you in a direction you least expect. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Interact with people from different backgrounds and you will broaden your outlook toward someone or something that will help you excel. A group effort will lead to potential financial gain. Create a personal environment geared toward creativity. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Reconsider your plans before you proceed. You may desire change and excitement, but not everyone in your circle is prepared to take the same risk you are. Give an out to anyone who doesn't wish to tag along. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stand your ground and be ready to push back should someone try to strong-arm you. A wrong move will set you back, so stick to what you know and do best. Ignore someone who tries to manipulate you using guilt tactics. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Reuniting with a past colleague, friend or lover will bring back memories and revive old goals. Reassess your lifestyle and consider spending more time with someone you feel can enhance your prospects and your future. Love is fortuitous. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Get off the merry-go-round and plant your feet firmly on the ground, or no one will be interested in what you are trying to accomplish. An envious acquaintance is likely to mislead you. Keep an open mind, but an astute overview. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are compassionate, caring and protective. You are strong-willed and progressive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 7/17

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

3	5	7	1	2	9	4	8	6
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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

AFRICAN MASKS **Solution: 8 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Dog Paddle

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Angels hold on for 10-8 win over Yankees

NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Jepsen got Alex Rodriguez to pop out with the bases loaded in the ninth inning as the Los Angeles Angels took advantage of New York's baserunning follies to beat the Yankees 10-8 Sunday.

With seemingly no lead safe recently at Yankee Stadium, Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer off Ernesto Frieri to make it 10-7 in the ninth.

After a walk to Nick Swisher, Scott Downs relieved with a 1-0 count to Raul Ibanez. Ibanez knocked the glove off Downs and reached for an infield single. Andruw Jones struck out, Russell Martin had a fielder's choice and Derek Jeter walked to load the bases.

Tigers 4, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Justin Verlander returned to form after his uncharacteristic start in the All-Star game, allowing three hits in eight innings to carry Detroit over Baltimore.

Verlander (10-5) struck out eight and walked two.

Red Sox 7, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Josh Beckett pitched six effective innings and Will Middlebrooks had a key two-run single to lead Boston past Tampa Bay.

Beckett (5-7) allowed three runs—all in the first—and eight hits.

White Sox 2, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Missouri, Chris Sale scattered a season-high 10 hits over eight innings and Adam Dunn homered for the third consecutive game, pushing Chicago over Kansas City.

Sale (11-2) allowed one run, struck out four and walked none.

Athletics 9, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Yoenis Cespedes had his first career four-hit game, including a homer and three RBIs, as Oakland completed a three-game series sweep of Minnesota.

Jonny Gomes, Chris Carter and Seth Smith also homered for the A's.

Rangers 4, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Matt Harrison tossed a five-hitter and Adrian Beltre had three hits and two RBIs as Texas won for the fourth time in five games spanning the All-Star break.

Harrison's 12th win kept him even with Tampa Bay's David Price.

Blue Jays 3, Indians 0

In Toronto, Carlos Villanueva struck out a career-best eight batters in six innings and Jose Bautista had two hits for Toronto.

Nationals 4, Marlins 0

In Miami, Stephen Strasburg pitched six scoreless innings and drove in a run for the Washington Nationals in a 4-0 win over the Miami Marlins on Sunday.

Strasburg (10-4) allowed six hits and struck out seven.

Reds 4, Cardinals 2

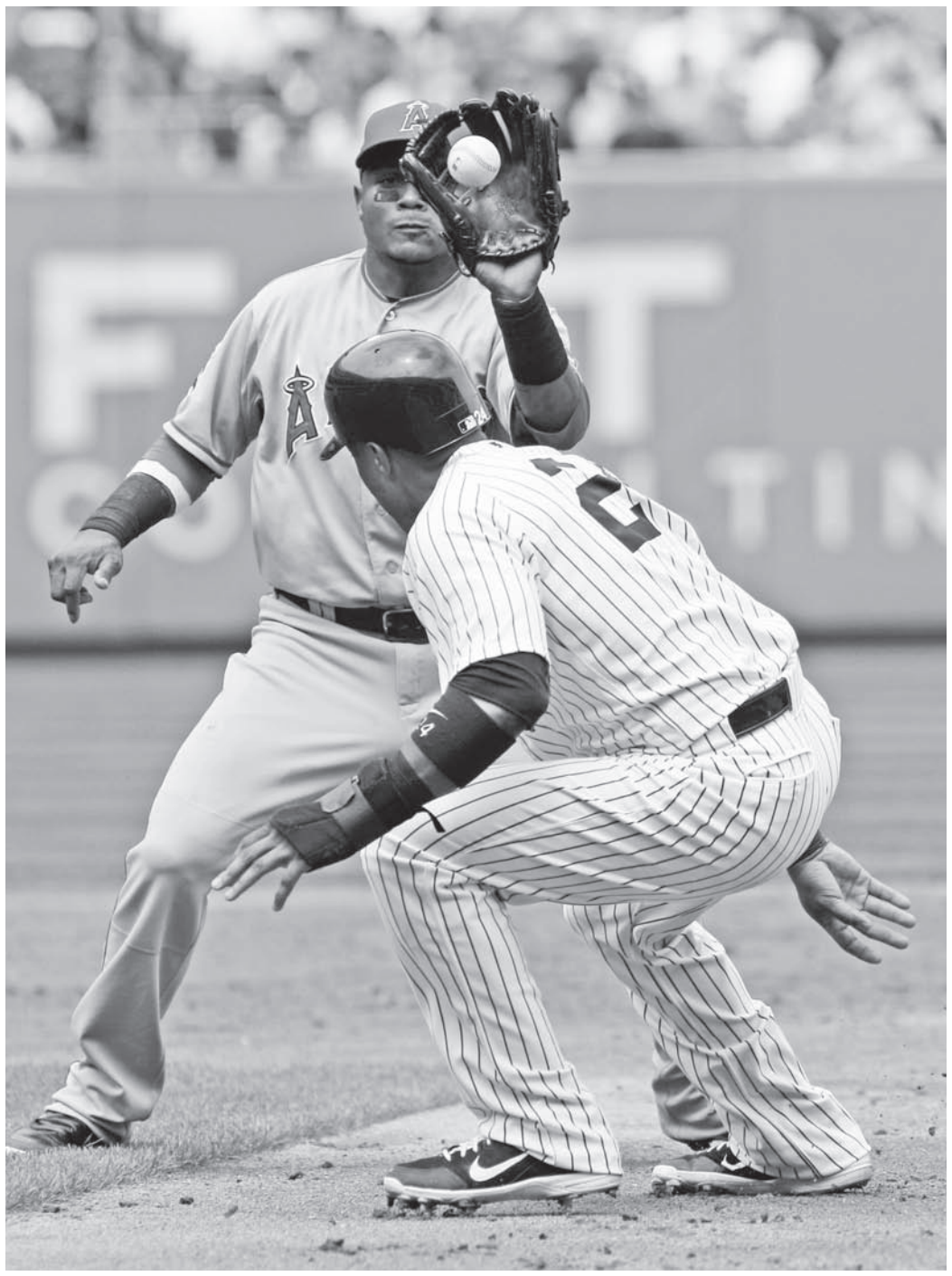
In Cincinnati, Scott Rolen hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the eighth inning, sending Cincinnati to a victory and three-game sweep of St. Louis.

The Reds' sixth straight win matched their best surge of the season.

Braves 6, Mets 1

In Atlanta, Ben Sheets pitched six scoreless innings in his first game in two years as Atlanta beat New York for its season-high seventh straight victory.

Freddie Freeman hit a three-run homer in a six-run fifth inning and Sheets (1-0) allowed two hits and one walk with five strikeouts,



AP

Los Angeles Angels shortstop Erick Aybar has the throw in his glove as he catches New York Yankees Robinson Cano in a third-inning rundown during their baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sunday, July 15, 2012.

Brewers 4, Pirates 1

In Milwaukee, Yovani Gallardo struck out a career-high 14 batters in seven innings as Milwaukee used a four-run sixth to beat Pittsburgh.

Gallardo (8-6) gave up four hits, including Andrew McCutchen's homer in the fourth.

Cubs 3, Diamondbacks 1

In Chicago, Darwin Barney homered and Matt Garza threw seven shutout innings to lift Chicago to a three-game sweep of Arizona.

Barney sent a Trevor Cahill pitch into the left-field bleachers for a two-run homer in the second inning.

Phillies 5, Rockies 1

In Denver, Cole Hamels allowed one run over eight innings and Hunter Pence hit a three-run homer as Philadelphia beat Colorado for its first series victory in nearly a month.

Hamels (11-4) allowed six hits and had seven strikeouts in his first win in three career outings at Coors Field.

Giants 3, Astros 2

In San Francisco, Buster Posey had three hits and two RBIs to back Matt Cain as San Francisco finished a three-game series sweep of Houston.

Cain (10-3) gave up two runs, one earned, and five hits.

Padres 7, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Chase Headley homered for the second straight game as San Diego scored six unearned runs.

Cameron Maybin and Everth Cabrera scored the tying and go-ahead runs on third baseman Jerry Hairston Jr.'s second throwing error of the seventh inning.

Knicks' Kidd arrested on DWI charge in Hamptons

NEW YORK (AP)—Jason Kidd mentoring Jeremy Lin was a nice story last week.

Then Kidd was arrested on a drunken-driving charge, Lin's departure from New York for a "ridiculous contract" in Houston became more realistic, and a position of strength suddenly was one of turbulence for the Knicks.

Kidd's arrest came within hours of the Knicks agreeing to a trade for fellow point guard Raymond Felton, raising the possibility they will refuse to match Lin's offer sheet with the Rockets.

Police said Kidd crashed his SUV into a telephone pole in the Hamptons on Sunday, days after signing with the Knicks.

Treated at a hospital for minor injuries after the crash, Kidd was arraigned on a misdemeanor driving-while-intoxicated charge and released without bail, Southampton Town police said.

Phone and email messages were left seeking comment from Kidd's agent. His attorney, Ed Burke Jr., said in a statement that Kidd was returning from a charity function before his accident, had pleaded not guilty to the DWI charge and was awaiting further court proceedings.

The Knicks, who signed the 10-time All-Star in free agency last week, had no immediate comment. Nor would they comment on their plans for Lin, even as speculation grew that Linsanity was headed elsewhere.

Kidd, 39, was alone in the 2010 Cadillac Escalade when it hit a pole and veered into the woods around 2 a.m. in Water Mill, police said. Water Mill is a serene, mainly residential community east of Southampton Village.

Kidd's next court date wasn't immediate available. The DWI charge carries the potential for up to a year in jail.

The Knicks signed Kidd away from the Dallas Mavericks in a deal that will pay him about $3 million a year. Kidd had played in New Jersey, leading the Nets to two NBA Finals appearances, before being traded to Dallas and remains fond of the New York City area, where his children continue to live.

The two-time Olympic gold medalist has been in trouble with the law before. While playing with Phoenix in 2001, he was arrested on a domestic violence charge, acknowledging he struck his former wife.

Kidd is second on the NBA's career lists for assists and steals. Coach Mike Woodson said Kidd, who helped the Mavericks win the 2011 NBA championship, would be a good tutor and backup for Lin, whom he said would open next season as the starting point guard.

Now he may not even be in New York.

The Knicks have repeatedly said they would match any offer for Lin, but the Rockets made it difficult with a three-year, $25 million deal that's worth about $15 million in the third year. New York has until 11:59 p.m. EDT on Tuesday to match the offer sheet for the restricted free agent.

Asked if he could envision Lin being with the Knicks next season, All-Star forward Carmelo Anthony said: "At this point there's a lot going on. I stay away from that part right now. I would love to see him back, but I think he has to do what's best for him right now."

Anthony, speaking before practice with the U.S. Olympic team, was then reminded it's up to the Knicks, not Lin, to decide whether he stays or goes.

"It's not up to me," Anthony said with a laugh. ''It's up to the organization to say they want to match that ridiculous contract that's out there."

The Knicks wouldn't comment on their plans and never even confirmed whether they had received the offer sheet from Houston to start the three-day clock for matching the offer.

Felton played well in half a season for the Knicks before he was dealt to Denver in February 2011 as part of the package for Anthony. He struggled this season in Portland, briefing losing his starting job, but was considered an option for the Knicks if they couldn't land Steve Nash or Kidd to play with Lin.

Now it may be Kidd and Felton.

Suns win bidding for Scola

PHOENIX (AP)—The Phoenix Suns beefed up their frontline Sunday, winning the bidding for rugged forward Luis Scola.

The Suns parted ways with longtime point guard Steve Nash last month and lost out on a bid for Eric Gordon when New Orleans matched their $58 million, four-year offer to the dynamic scorer. But they got their man this time, adding the 6-foot-9 Scola a couple days after Houston used the amnesty clause to cut him loose.

''We are excited to have won the bid for Luis Scola and to add a player of his caliber to our roster," Lon Babby, the Suns' president of basketball operations, said in a release. ''We greatly value the production he will bring and the leadership he will provide to our younger players."

Phoenix made room for the 32-year-old Scola by using the amnesty option to cut forward Josh Childress, who was acquired by the Suns in a sign-and-trade deal with Atlanta two years ago. He played in 34 games last season, averaging 2.9 points.

A fan favorite in Houston, Scola averaged 14.5 points and 7.7 rebounds in five seasons with the Rockets. He grabbed 2,984 rebounds to rank ninth on Houston's career list.

But the Rockets waived Scola on Friday. Scola, who was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, is due about $21 million over the next three seasons, and the amnesty provision means his remaining contract will not count against Houston's salary cap or luxury tax.

Scola will play for Argentina in the London Olympics.

Brees passes physical, signs $100M, 5-year deal

METAIRIE, La. (AP)—Drew Brees took some time out of his Sunday to sign autographs on items ranging from a black jersey handed to him by a fan to a $100 million contract handed to him by the New Orleans Saints.

The star quarterback, who had agreed verbally to his historic deal Friday, visited team headquarters to take a physical and put pen to paper on the five-year contract that gives him the highest average annual pay ($20 million) in NFL history.

Brees then grabbed a sandwich to go at a Jimmy John's sandwich shop he owns, where he posed for photos, shook hands and signed autographs for star-struck fans before hopping in a white sport utility vehicle and heading for the airport.

Looking satisfied and relaxed in a black T-shirt with (hash)NOLALOVE printed across the front, the clean-cut Brees said he was eager to rejoin his teammates after a protracted contract holdout that ran parallel to a bounty scandal that has swirled around the Saints since March.

"It's been a little surreal just because of the process throughout the offseason, and just how challenging an offseason it's been for everyone, obviously everyone within the Saints organization, this city," Brees said. "It's just been a crazy offseason and I think we're all just ready to get back to work and excited that it's all starting here in a week. It's hard to believe."

Brees, his currently pregnant wife, Brittany, and their two young boys spend parts of offseasons in southern California. Brees will be back in New Orleans again soon, though, as the Saints report for training camp July 24.

A year ago, Brees was organizing and running a voluntary minicamp at Tulane during the NFL lockout. This offseason, he missed all of the voluntary practices and mandatory minicamp while his agent, Tom Condon, and Saints general manager Mickey Loomis worked on a new long-term contract that gave Brees a payday on par with his record-setting performances on the field.

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees accepts the award for record-breaking performance at the ESPY Awards on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, in Los Angeles.

Brees said he had been training hard on his own in California and had maintained close contact by phone with teammates and assistant head coach Joe Vitt throughout the offseason. Vitt is handling most big-picture head coaching duties in the absence of Sean Payton, who has been suspended by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell in connection with the bounty investigation.

"I talked to coach Vitt all the time. I talked to (backup quarterback) Chase (Daniel) quite a bit," Brees said. "For me, I certainly wanted to keep up on my team and my teammates and make sure everybody was doing OK. Guys were texting me all the time, so I was in constant communication with many guys on the team."

Brees also expressed confidence that, after six years in the same offensive system, he was "absolutely" ready to pick up in training camp where he left off last season, despite the offseason work he missed with the club. He added that he was eager to test his skills in camp against the scheme being installed by new Saints defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo.

"I just look forward to getting back to work," Brees said. "It does feel like it's been a while since I've been out there with my guys and we were running our offense.

"Camp, for me, especially now with Spagnuolo and a new defensive scheme, that's fun for me because just as a competitor, you go through about a four-week period where you're competing against your own defense and they're scheming you up and you're scheming them up," Brees added. "I missed the guys; I missed the competition. I'm just excited to get back to work."

In 2011, Brees set NFL single-season records with 468 completions, 5,476 yards passing and a 71.2 completion percentage. His prolific passing numbers helped the Saints set an NFL high for total offensive yards in a season with 7,474. Brees' yards passing record shattered a mark of 5,084 set by Dan Marino back in 1984.

Brees also has been highly active in the community through his Brees Dream foundation, which has sponsored more than $8 million in projects primarily aimed at improving schools and athletic facilities for children, along with supporting the arts and cancer patients.

For all of those reasons, fans like Gerald Hebert, 40, of Slidell, were delighted to share a moment with Brees in the parking lot outside his sandwich shop.

"It's a big relief going into training camp," Hebert said. "It's a huge win for the city all the way around. With him being here, it's one less thing to worry about, especially with a lot of the negativity that's come up this offseason. ... It was pretty cool to actually see him and it shows how much interaction he has with the community."

Johnson tops Matteson in playoff to win John Deere

SILVIS, Ill. (AP)—Zach Johnson already was a member of the board of directors of the John Deere Classic.

Now he has another title at the tournament: champion.

Johnson won the Deere on Sunday with a birdie on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff. His 193-yard 6-iron approach from the bunker left of the 18th fairway ran up to less than a foot from the cup for an easy birdie, enabling him to knock off Troy Matteson, whose approach landed 43 feet from the pin.

"I saw it bounce on the green and hoped it would kick left," Johnson said. "I couldn't see the golf ball."

Johnson couldn't miss hearing the gallery, many of them friends, as the ball crept within a foot of the hole.

"I liked that crescendo from the crowd," said Johnson, who is from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, about an hour from the Quad Cities.

The kick-in birdie had seemed unlikely minutes earlier after Johnson followed Matteson into the water from the same bunker on the first playoff hole. Each settled for double-bogey 6, then went back to the 18th tee for another try.

Johnson's bunkered his tee shot again, but this time, he played one of the better shots of a career that includes a 2007 Masters victory and eight other PGA Tour titles.

"It's one of the best results," Johnson said.

When Matteson was unable to sink his long birdie putt, Johnson tapped in to secure his second victory of the year, adding to the title he won at Colonial Country Club.

While Johnson tried to downplay what winning would mean to him during the tournament's first three days, with the trophy in his grasp he admitted that it meant a great deal.

"It just feels awesome," Johnson said. "This tournament has meant so much to me and my family, from when they gave me exemptions to being a part of its board.

"I don't really like making things a bigger deal than what they should be. It means a great deal now that I've done it."

The duo had tied at 20-under 264 after Johnson closed with a 6-under 65 and Matteson had a 69.

Matteson had his best finish since winning the Frys.com Open in 2009, and needed a top-five placing to qualify for the British Open.

So rather than drive to nearby Rockford for a Monday pro-am and then fly to Mississippi for the PGA Tour tournament, he hopped on the charter that Deere has to ferry players across the Atlantic to the British Open. It will be his first appearance in the year's third major.

"It's a heck of a way to play a qualifier, for four days," Matteson said. "When I started this week I really didn't think about the British Open. It's fun to play (Rockford) and then go to Mississippi."

Matteson, playing with three-time defending champion Steve Stricker, led from the first round until a double-bogey on the 15th hole dropped him to 18-under, a stroke behind Johnson, who played a bogey-free, with birdies on three of his last six holes keying his surge.

But Matteson made up for his miscue with an eagle on the par-5 17th, sinking a 60-footer that drew a roar Johnson heard on the 18th green.

"I didn't know who the roar was for," Johnson said.

So Johnson two-putted for par and waited for Matteson, who matched him to force the playoff.

Johnson climbed into second in the FedEx Cup standings, trailing only Tiger Woods, and is fifth in the Ryder Cup standings.

"If it happens, great," Johnson said. "In golf, arguably in sport, they're some of the most fun and gut-wrenching tournaments you can play in. I love that."

Stricker began the day with a chance for a fourth straight title, but played himself out of contention by driving into high grass on the 14th hole. He settled for bogey after a penalty drop, then bogeyed the next hole and finished four strokes back, tied for fifth with Luke Guthrie.

"It was fun trying to do it," Stricker said of a potential four-peat. "It was fun, but I think it's the putter. This week it was hot and cold."

Stricker was attempting to become the fifth player to win the same tournament four straight times. The others are Tom Morris Jr., Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen and Woods, who has done it twice.

Scott Piercy's closing 65 left him two strokes back in third, and John Senden posted a 67 for fourth place, three shots off the pace.

DLX NIPS

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line for two charities to keep QQ in the game, 81-78. DLX and QQ then traded errors in the ensuing plays before Noel David made a big steal moments later, paving the way for an Elmer Esdrelon's trip to the foul line. Esdrelon got the ball after the steal and drew a foul on Pagarao with 14 ticks left on the clock.

Esdrelon missed both free throws and David almost made another big steal before being called for a traveling violation, as he leaped to intercept an errant full court pass.

QQ retained possession with 7 seconds left and it went down low to Camacho, who made an aggressive move to the hoop and drew some contact, but the shot fell off and there was no whistle on the play. Trajano wrestled down the final rebound for the win.

The game went in overtime after Esdrelon split his free throws in the last 11 seconds of the regulation. His second shot ended up bouncing out of bounds and a timeout by QQ put the ball on its side of the court with 9 seconds to go.

Pagarao received the inbounds pass, but dribbled it off his foot, while Barbo could not get off the shot in time for DLX.

After the gut-wrenching battle, DLX received the championship team trophy and $800 cash prize from Blue Haus' Cecil Obaldo.

Completing the champion team are Jun Abedes, Melbert Dela Rama, Sam Fernandez, Leo Galarse, Jeff Garcia, Jun Pineda, and player/coach Pando Muleta.

DLX worked out an early 17-15 edge in the opening 10 minutes thanks to the 12 combined points of Barbo and Esdrelon.

Leo Galarse then heated up in the second quarter for a string of 13 points, helping DLX maintain a slim 36-35 favor at halftime. QQ gunner Elgene Mangali managed a dozen points in the first half, however his partner in crime, Pagarao, was held to only 4.

Camacho, however, helped fill the void Pagarao left on offense with the former adding 7 markers.

DLX stretched the lead to four at the end of the third, 60-56, after Esdrelon scored 9 points and drew support from his teammates. Pagarao tallied 11 points in the third quarter to keep his team afloat.

Then in the fourth quarter, QQ made a huge defensive stand and held DLX to just 14 points, 9 of them came from Esdrelon, to keep its title hopes alive before losing in overtime.

Esdrelon finished with 29 points and earned Finals MVP honors, while QQ's Pagarao and Mangali teamed up for 41 in the loss. Rolly Paraiso was later selected regular season MVP, while Muleta was hailed coach of the year.

DLX 81 – Esdrelon 29, Galarse 21, Barbo 16, Trajano 5, David 4, Guiab 4, Abedes 2.

QQ Rent A Car 80 – Pagarao 21, Mangali 20, Camacho 18, Sison 7, Paraiso 6, Concepcion 2, Cruz 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-15, 36-35, 60-56, 74-74, 81-80.

DYS/BAYANI

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Eugene Manglona, 1:54 left on the clock, but Jaymark De Guzman and Jimmy Tudela teamed up in a 10-0 dagger to hand DYS/Bayani the championship.

Tudela started the rally with his own version of an and-1 play. Before Tudela's convertion, DYS/Bayani missed three attempts inside. Tudela collared the third offensive board and made the putback, plus the bonus shot to cut the lead to two, 67-69, 1:36 left in the game.

Adrian Palacios missed on the other end, paving the way for a game-tying basket for Tudela, while DYS/Bayani regained possession off a MDX error, sending De Guzman to the foul line. De Guzman made the first to give DYS/Bayani the lead, 70-69, and missed the second. In the rebound play, Jun Del Rosario had a hand on the ball, but failed to control the leather, which De Guzman picked up.

DYS/Bayani then moved the ball around before Tudela made a bounce pass to a cutting De Guzman from the right wing to up the lead to three, 72-69, 48.5 seconds remaining on the clock.

MDX had a chance to move closer, but Melvin Cadiang muffed two crucial free throws and his two other teammates faltered on putback attempts in the ensuing plays. De Guzman, on the other hand, canned a pair of charities in the last 22 seconds to seal the come-from-behind win.

De Guzman led all scorers with his 26 markers, while Tudela added 21.

Manglona had 20 for MDX, which opened a 20-14 advantage against the undefeated DYS/Bayani in the first period with Kevin De Leon drilling 7 of his 9 markers at the start of the title match.

MDX kept the lead in the second, 35-32, as DYS/Bayani still could not get its offense going. The game remained close at the end of the third with DYS/Bayani this time on top by a deuce, 48-46, after Jack Aranda scored four straight points in the closing minutes of that canto.

After making 8 of his 9 markers in the third period, Aranda missed all his shots in the fourth, but De Guzman and Tudela were there to save the day for DYS/Bayani. De Guzman exploded for 16 points in the final canto, while Tudela nailed 7.

DYS/Bayani 74 – De Guzman 26, Tudela 21, Aranda 9, Mizer 8, Alegre 4, Salem 2.

MDX/Mariana Resort 69 – Manglona 20, Cadiang 10, De Leon 9, Palacios 8, Caro 7, Mettao 4, Ano 4, Del Rosario 3, Ecalnea 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-20, 32-35, 48-46, 74-69.

CNMI

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McKagan, Bo Barry, Lucas Knecht, Raphael Zapanta, Brian Lee, Kenneth Domingo, Enrico Del Rosario, Gregzon Fontanilla, Eric Cooke, William Dunn, Dan Westphal, Peter Loken, Joe Miller, Arkie Reusora, Ruselle Zapanta, and Dan Stafford. Chikashi Suzuki will coach the squad, which also has Johann Noetzel as goalie coach and Norman Del Rosario and Jake Lee as manager and official, respectively.

First up for the Commonwealth strikers are rival and host team Guam with the two neighbors colliding at 4pm tomorrow.

Suzuki during the team dinner/send-off party last Friday at the Seaside Hall of the Kanoa Resort said Guam is beatable.

"I was able to watch Guam games when I went there a few weeks ago. They have better individual skills, but as for team tactics, I think we have the edge. Guam is beatable, our players just have to show a lot of heart and hard work to win," Suzuki said.

"I don't want to lose to Guam," he added.

Suzuki indeed wanted to break the CNMI's skid against its fiercest rival, who managed to beat the Commonwealth in two closely fought games in EAFF-sanctioned tournaments. In 1997, during the EAFF qualifier on Saipan, the CNMI bowed to Guam, 3-2. Then in 2009 in Guam, the host also eked out a tough 2-1 win over the CNMI.

In those twin losses, veteran players suited up for the CNMI with several of them in their late 30s and mid 40s. This year, a lot of fresher legs are playing in this week's tournament, including Lucas Knecht and Bo Barry. Knecht plays for the Georgia Southwestern State University, an NCAA Division II team, while Barry is a member of the varsity team of Massaponax High School, which is competing in leagues in Virginia.

"I know there is pressure on us, young players of the team. But, we are not feeling it, as we're really looking forward to play again for the CNMI. We are very excited and hopefully we get that elusive win against Guam," said Knecth, who played on the 2009 team.

Barry, who suited up for the CNMI U14 Team that played in Beijing a few years ago, said its nice to play with his former MP United teammates and then team up with the veterans, whom he used to watch in the men's league.

"Now we are one team and we will help each other to bring good results for the CNMI," Barry said.

McKagan, who is one of the veterans on the squad and is the team's captain said having a balance of young and old players is good for the CNMI.

"We, the old timers know how is it to play in a tough level competition, such as the EAFF qualifier, so we know what to expect from our opponents and we can tell that to the younger ones. We're here to guide them and provide leadership and stability on the team, while they (young ones) have to be aggressive and upbeat at the field," McKagan said.

Loken, who is also among the veteran strikers on the squad, believes the right pieces for a much improved CNMI team are coming together.

"Everybody knows their respective roles on the team and that's important as we face Guam and Macau this week," Loken said.

The CNMI will meet Macau on Friday at 4pm.

TEAM POGI

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ball and with Irish Spring's defense not set up yet, Bahillo found himself open at their frontcourt, several steps away from two defenders, and easily canned the go-ahead layup.

Irish Spring was left with 8 seconds to map out a winning play, but without a timeout to talk things over it was rattled by the defense of Team Pogi at the backcourt as time expired.

Bahillo paced Team Pogi in a low-scoring semis match after tallying 17 points. He nailed 7 of them in the fourth canto to keep Team Pogi in the driver's seat. Brian Chan and Tim Sula chipped in 15 and 14, respectively.

Bernard Samson led Irish Spring with his 15 markers, but was held to only one field goal in the closely fought final period, while Trajano contributed 14, 6 of them came in the payoff canto.

The first semis tiff was a neck-and-neck battle since the start with neither team leading by more than seven points. Irish Spring was up by a deuce after the first period, 12-10, behind the 5 markers of Ron Hernandez. Tables turned at the break with Team Pogi hanging on to a 24-23 advantage before stretching the lead to four at the end of the third, 42-38. Team Pogi managed to grabbed the lead in the second and third periods after converting five treys against only one from Irish Spring.

In the second semis match, KFC/Taco Bell had a slow start, but led at the end of the three remaining quarters to eliminate Mawati.

KFC/Taco Bell fell behind after the opening canto, 18-15, as Jerome Reyes sizzled for 8 points for Mawati. Reyes was then held scoreless in the second frame, while KFC/Taco Bell leaned on its balance offense to wrestle the lead, 34-29.

KFC/Taco Bell retained the upper hand in the third, 49-42, as Ralph Francisco knocked in 9 points in that period after making only two field goals in the first half.

In the fourth frame, Mawait made repeated attempts to overhaul KFC/Taco Bell's lead, however the latter secured the win from the 15-footline, making four free throws in the homestretch.

First Game

Team Pogi 58 – Je. Bahillo 17, Chan 14, Sula 12, Ja. Bahillo 8, Lansang 7.

Irish Spring 57 – Samson 15, Trajano 14, Hernandez 12, Fernandez 4, Garcia 4, B. Montano 2, Leong 1.

Scoring by quarters: 10-12, 24-23, 42-38, 58-57.

Second Game

KFC/Taco Bell 68 – Francisco 21, Deleon Guerrero 12, Lee 12, Maranan 9, Durant 6, Omnes 3, Tinio 2, Mendiola 1.

Mawati 62 – Reyes 13, Corotan 12, Ibanes 9, Serrano 8, Pena 4, Samonte 3, Avila 2, Tenepere 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-18, 34-29, 49-42, 68-62.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	54	34	.614	–
Baltimore	46	42	.523	8
Tampa Bay	46	43	.517	8 1/2
Boston	45	44	.506	9 1/2
Toronto	45	44	.506	9 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	49	39	.557	–
Detroit	46	43	.517	3 1/2
Cleveland	45	43	.511	4
Kansas City	38	49	.437	10 1/2
Minnesota	36	52	.409	13
West Division				
Texas	54	35	.607	–
Los Angeles	49	40	.551	5
Oakland	46	43	.517	8
Seattle	37	53	.411	17 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	51	35	.593	–
Atlanta	49	39	.557	3
New York	46	43	.517	6 1/2
Miami	42	46	.477	10
Philadelphia	39	51	.433	14
Central Division				
Cincinnati	50	38	.568	–
Pittsburgh	49	39	.557	1
St. Louis	46	43	.517	4 1/2
Milwaukee	42	46	.477	8
Chicago	36	52	.409	14
Houston	33	56	.371	17 1/2
West Division				
San Francisco	49	40	.551	–
Los Angeles	48	42	.533	1 1/2
Arizona	42	46	.477	6 1/2
San Diego	36	54	.400	13 1/2
Colorado	34	54	.386	14 1/2

JOHN DEERE CLASSIC SCORES

SILVIS, Illinois (AP) – Scores Sunday from the John Deere Classic, played at the 7,268-yard, par-71 TPC Deere Run course.

FINAL ROUND

x-Zach Johnson (500), $828,000	68-65-66-65–264
Troy Matteson (300), $496,800	61-68-66-69–264
Scott Piercy (190), $312,800	65-69-67-65–266
John Senden (135), $220,800	69-64-67-67–267
Luke Guthrie, $174,800	65-68-71-64–268
Steve Stricker (105), $174,800	65-67-66-70–268
Scott Brown (90), $154,100	70-66-66-67–269
Chris DiMarco (75), $124,200	66-67-68-69–270
Billy Hurley III (75), $124,200	68-68-64-70–270
Lee Janzen (75), $124,200	67-65-71-67–270
Ryan Moore (75), $124,200	67-69-66-68–270
Kevin Streelman (75), $124,200	68-69-68-65–270
K.J. Choi (56), $81,267	65-72-67-67–271
Ben Crane (56), $81,267	66-67-73-65–271
Tommy Gainey (56), $81,267	69-66-69-67–271
Nick Watney (56), $81,267	68-68-69-66–271
Erik Compton (56), $81,267	68-69-66-68–271
J.J. Henry (56), $81,267	67-64-69-71–271
Gary Christian (50), $53,820	65-66-70-71–272
Brendon de Jonge (50), $53,820	68-68-67-69–272
Brian Harman (50), $53,820	65-65-69-73–272
Seung-Yul Noh (50), $53,820	68-69-66-69–272
Rory Sabbatini (50), $53,820	67-68-72-65–272
Kyle Stanley (50), $53,820	68-69-69-66–272
Blake Adams (44), $35,880	71-67-68-67–273
Stuart Appleby (44), $35,880	66-69-67-71–273
Alex Cejka (44), $35,880	67-68-71-67–273
Robert Garrigus (44), $35,880	65-66-71-71–273
Dicky Pride (44), $35,880	67-68-73-65–273
Chris Couch (39), $27,945	67-67-70-70–274
Bobby Gates (39), $27,945	66-68-67-73–274
Chris Kirk (39), $27,945	68-68-68-70–274
Danny Lee (39), $27,945	70-68-70-66–274
Jeff Overton (39), $27,945	69-68-69-68–274
Jimmy Walker (39), $27,945	66-71-68-69–274
Jerry Kelly (31), $19,806	69-69-69-68–275
Bill Lunde (31), $19,806	66-72-70-67–275
Carl Pettersson (31), $19,806	68-69-71-67–275
Josh Teater (31), $19,806	69-69-69-68–275
Roland Thatcher (31), $19,806	69-68-72-66–275
Chad Campbell (31), $19,806	68-70-66-71–275
Tim Clark (31), $19,806	67-68-68-72–275
Tom Gillis (31), $19,806	66-69-69-71–275
Spencer Levin (31), $19,806	66-71-69-69–275
Ricky Barnes (22), $12,461	64-67-71-74–276
Kevin Chappell (22), $12,461	70-68-73-65–276
Randall Hutchison, $12,461	68-68-71-69–276
Jeff Maggert (22), $12,461	68-62-72-74–276
Vaughn Taylor (22), $12,461	72-66-70-68–276
Duffy Waldorf (22), $12,461	66-69-69-72–276
Mark Wilson (22), $12,461	69-68-69-70–276
Y.E. Yang (22), $12,461	68-65-70-73–276
Jamie Lovemark (22), $12,461	71-66-64-75–276
Tommy Biershenk (16), $10,534	66-66-71-74–277
Jonathan Byrd (16), $10,534	72-66-66-73–277
Billy Horschel (16), $10,534	70-68-65-74–277
John Merrick (16), $10,534	67-67-70-73–277
Marco Dawson (10), $10,028	70-68-74-66–278
Matt Every (10), $10,028	71-65-68-74–278
Martin Flores (10), $10,028	67-67-72-72–278
Hunter Haas (10), $10,028	67-69-74-68–278
Chris Riley (10), $10,028	68-70-71-69–278
Camilo Villegas (10), $10,028	71-66-69-72–278
Steve Wheatcroft (10), $10,028	67-70-69-72–278
a-Jordan Spieth, $0	70-67-72-69–278
Matt Bettencourt (5), $9,614	68-70-69-72–279
Ted Potter, Jr. (5), $9,614	67-66-74-72–279
Chez Reavie (3), $9,430	67-70-70-73–280
Chris Stroud (3), $9,430	68-70-70-72–280
Mathias Gronberg, $9,246	69-69-69-74–281
J.J. Killeen (1), $9,246	68-68-72-73–281
Bud Cauley (1), $9,108	69-69-75-69–282
Scott Dunlap (1), $9,016	70-68-68-77–283
Nathan Green (1), $8,924	67-69-72-76–284
Alexandre Rocha (1), $8,832	70-68-73-75–286
Mark Anderson (1), $8,740	69-67-73-80–289

a-amateur
(x-won on second playoff hole)

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SFA's 17th Annual International Fishing Derby

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The *Debbie 1* crew and Budweiser girl Ana Tenorio pose with their mahi entrants.

The *Luka & Ben* crewmembers pose with Delta's Esther Sound, left, and their wahoo entrant.

A *San Juan* representative stands with their wahoo and yellow fin entrants.

Above left, the *Bunita* pulls up to the boat ramp at the Smiling Cove Marina after a long day at sea last Saturday during the Saipan Fishermen Association's 17th Annual International Fishing Derby.

Above, *Da Atta Girl's*, Sheldeen, Sheldon, Kaiwika, and Karrie Fernandez pose with their wahoo entrant.

Left, three boats wait in line to use the boat ramp as day one rounded down.

The *Rose Mary* captain displays a nice wahoo just before closing time.

Mini-Max's captain Andy Miller, right, and angler Sydney Takahashi stand with their 81.85-lb billfish.

The *St. James* owner, left, and crewmembers smile next to their wahoo entry.

Brees passes physical, signs $100M, 5-year deal

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DLX nips QQ in OT, clinches title

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The 2012 Blue Haus Invitational League's championship game had a down-to-the-wire finish with DLX outlasting QQ Rent A Car in overtime, 81-80, last Sunday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Darwin Barbo converted a pair of free throws in the homestretch for DLX to win the closely fought finale, while QQ big man Badong Camacho missed on a game-winning drive to fall short on their title bid.

After a 74-74 deadlock at the regulation, DLX managed to open a 79-76 lead after Noel David nailed a basket off Junar Guiab's assist, with 3:30 to go in the bonus period.

Lerio Pagarao made it a one-point game again with his layup, 78-79, and the score remained unchanged for over one minute, as DLX dominated possessions and the boards, but failed to make baskets.

Barbo broke DLX's short silence, as he drew a foul on Rolly Paraiso and drained both shots for an 81-78, advantage with 1:39 left on the clock. Paraiso was called for his fifth foul and Guiab would later join him in the showers with Art Trajano replacing the latter.

Camacho cashed in on the new matchup and made it to the

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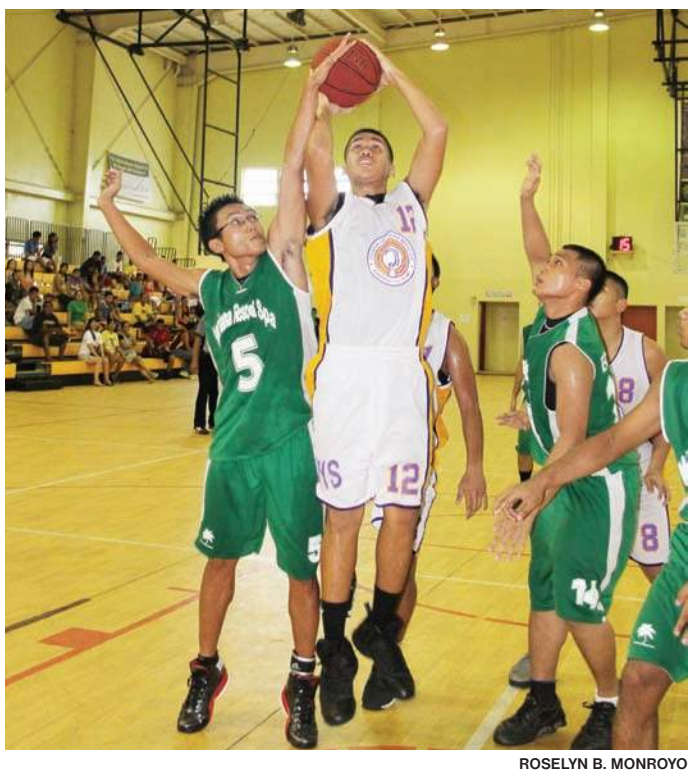
WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Members of DLX pose for a team photo with Blue Haus' Cecil Obaldo after winning the Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League championship over QQ Rent A Car last Sunday at the Garapan Basketball Court.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

DYS/Bayani's Jimmy Tudela, second left, asserts his might in the paint against MDX/Mariana Resort defenders during their title game in the U20 division of the UFO Docomo Pacific Cup last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

DYS/Bayani takes U20 championship

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MDX/Marianas Resort was less than two minutes away from winning the championship, but DYS/Bayani stole the crown after eking out a 74-69 victory in their title game in the U20 division of the 2012 UFO Docomo Pacific Cup last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

MDX went up, 69-64, after a completed 3-point play from

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CNMI Men's Nationals all set for EAFF tourney

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The CNMI Men's National Team left Saipan yesterday to compete in the EAFF Asian Cup 2013 Preliminary Competition Round 1 at the Leo Palace in Guam.

The team is composed of Nick Swaim, Kirk Schuler, Steve

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Members of the CNMI Men's National Team pose with NMIFA officials and guests during the dinner/send-off party held last Friday at the Seaside Hall of the Kanoa Resort.

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Team Pogi, KFC/Taco Bell dispute crown

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Jeff Bahillo escaped with an uncontested layup in the closing seconds of their game against Irish Spring to lift Team Pogi to a thrilling 58-57 semis win in the 2012 DLX/DL JOS Inter-Color Basketball League last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

The victory moved Team Pogi to the championship match against KFC/Taco Bell, which downed Mawati in the second semis duel, 68-62. The winner-take-all finale was scheduled to be played last night.

Bahillo's crucial basket came after Irish Spring stole the lead, 57-56, following Art Trajano's layup, 14 seconds remaining on the clock. Behind by a hair, Team Pogi tried to call for a quick timeout, but it was too late to inform the table officials. However, the miscommunication was a blessing in disguise for Team Pogi as it hurriedly inbounded the

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Team Pogi's Jeff Bahillo, seen here making a fancy layup during their playoff win over Banahaw Restaurant, hit a crucial layup to lift his team to a 58-57 semis victory over Irish Spring in the DLX/DL JOS caging last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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